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CHINA'S STRONG PROTEST.

DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL OF JAPAN'S TROOPS.

"WHOLE COUNTRY IS INTENSELY INDIGNANT."

BRITAIN'S HANKOW POLICY.

Accusations that Japan has committed acts violating treaty obligations and China's sovereignty, are contained in a Note which the Peking Foreign Office have handed to the Japanese Legation in connexion with the despatch of Japanese troops to Tsianfu and Tsingtao. The Note adds that the sending of troops has created intense indignation throughout the whole country, and the Chinese Government demands their immediate withdrawal.

As indicated yesterday, severe fighting has broken out on the Shantung front, a reverse and successful counter-attack for the Southern forces being reported. A Southern report claims the capture of Yen-chow and the retreat of the Shantung troops, but another report indicates that decisive fighting in the vicinity has yet to occur.

Answering questions in the House of Commons regarding the likelihood of British re-occupation of the Hankow concession, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that the British decision not to take this step remained unchanged. The Government would take full responsibility for that decision.

In reply to another question, Sir Austen declared that for the present it was intended to withdraw only the Indian Brigade, which was originally sent merely because it could arrive on the scene quickly.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN SHANTUNG.

Peking July 13. Arrived at Kiukiang to-day. The following verbal protest by the Foreign Office to the Japanese Legation on July 11, a Note has been handed in, which is published this afternoon, expressing great astonishment that the protests from the Chinese Government regarding the despatch of Japanese troops to Tsingtao have not received due attention from the Japanese Government, but, on the contrary, advantage has been taken of the defection of some of General Sun Chuan-fang's troops to despatch Japanese troops to Tsianfu, and replace them with fresh troops from Dairen.

The Japanese Government, which consistently professed friendship to China, has thus ignored Chinese protests and committed acts violating Japan's treaty obligations and China's sovereignty. The despatch of Japanese troops to Tsingtao have created intense indignation throughout the whole country, and the Chinese Government therefore demands the immediate withdrawal of troops from Tsianfu and from Tsingtao, and also the recall of any further sent.

The Chinese Government earnestly hopes for an early and satisfactory reply.—Reuter.

SEVERE FIGHTING.

Reverse and Counter-Attack.

Nanking, July 13. Severe fighting appears to be taking place on the Shantung front. The Southerners met with a reverse two or three days ago, being forced to retire on a wide front. A foreign report received to-day from Meochow, however, states that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's forces have counter-attacked with success and have recovered lost ground as far as Linching.

A China Merchants steamer passed up river to-day with about 3,000 Nationalist troops on board.—Naval Wireless.

OBSCURE HANKOW SITUATION.

Shanghai, July 13. There has been no change in the situation, which remains quiet. Nothing untoward has been reported from the Yangtze ports, and the situation at Hankow is still very obscure.—Naval Wireless.

HANKOW'S TROOPS.

Large Numbers on the Move.

Kukläng, July 13.

The Hankow Government continues to send troops down river, and large numbers of soldiers of the 4th and 11th Hankow Armies (Continued on Page 12.)

ILLEGAL TAXES.

SHANGHAI BUSINESS MENACED.

BLACK OUTLOOK FOR TRADE.

Shanghai, July 13. The Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce has sent a letter to the Senior Consul saying that at a Committee meeting of the Chamber yesterday, at which representatives of the American, Belgian, British, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Netherlands and Swedish Chambers were present, the Chairman was instructed to convey to the Senior Consul the following expression of opinion on the subject of the newly-imposed taxes recently promulgated by the local and Chinese authorities, the increase in tonnage dues and the embargo on specie.

"The meeting desires to enter a strong protest against the illegal surtaxes and luxury taxes recently promulgated and also the increase of tonnage dues. Furthermore, the grounds that the same are principally for the purpose of financing China's Civil wars.

In view of recent events at Hankow, the Chamber also views with grave concern the embargo imposed on specie."

In order that the above-mentioned may be discussed and a ruling obtained from the Consular Body with reference to the attitude of foreign merchants and shippers should adopt regarding payment of the increased taxes, the Chamber requests that it be permitted to send an international deputation to call upon the Senior Consul.

Collection By the North.

The Northern authorities are collecting the two and a half per cent surtax and the five per cent luxury tax, but it is understood that the Japanese are refusing to collect these at Antung and Darien.

NO CONSOLATION.

Mr. Cunningham, the United States Consul General, who is the senior Consul, received a deputation this afternoon. It is understood he conveyed very little comfort, but conveyed the impression that the Consular Body would not protest. He recommended the business men of each nation to take up the matter with their respective Consuls.

Mr. Cunningham considered that the outlook for foreign trade in China was very black.

The deputation left without any hopeful feeling.—Reuter.

POWERS TAKING NOTE.

London, July 13. In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the situation arising from the new Nanking taxes was being considered by the Governments concerned, in consultation with their representatives in China.—Reuter.

CANTON REQUEST.

London, July 13. The Chamber of Commerce has asked the government to defer putting the new tax of 12½ per cent on imported goods into operation until October 1st. This is upon the protest of the merchants that they are unable to meet this high duty. It is proposed to hold a meeting on August 1st to examine the rates of duty imposed by other countries.

THE C.N.C. STRIKE.

THE IMPASSE CONTINUES.

The China Navigation Company strike impasse remains as complete as ever, and at present there is little prospect of an early termination to the dispute between the European floating-staff and the Company.

The local situation is not affected by the arrival from the North yesterday of the s.s. Shantung, which is officered by men drawn from different vessels tied up at Shanghai. The Shantung brought a good cargo, including 550 tons for Hongkong, and 2,050 tons for Canton.

The vessel will clear for Canton to-day, it is understood, and will return to Hongkong to load for Northern ports.

The Shantung also carried 17 European passengers and 84 deck passengers.

Enquiries to-day revealed that there had been no further development.

SHANGHAI DEFENCE.

BRITAIN'S FORCES.

London, July 13. In the House of Commons, asked whether, since the Chinese armies

SQUATTERS HAVE TO QUIT.

OTHER ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE.

NO. HARDSHIP LIKELY.

It would appear that efforts to clear away settlements of squatters in Kowloon are being made by the Government.

So a Telegraph representative gathered when he made enquiries this morning, with reference to the notices to quit which have been served on squatters at Kap Shek Mei village, a report of which was given in these columns yesterday. This village, which comprises between 300 and 400 huts, is situated between the Tui-poo Road and Cheung Sha Wan, near Shamshui-poo.

According to vernacular press reports, about 1,000 Chinese will be rendered homeless, but we were informed this morning that such a state of affairs was extremely unlikely as it is known that there is accommodation which can be found elsewhere cheaply enough to suit the pockets of these squatters.

Furthermore, it was pointed out that they cultivate the land in an insanitary manner, and as they are likely to move about it was extremely difficult for Inspectors to keep trace of them.

The land they are occupying in this village is Crown land for which, as far as is at present known, no rent or taxes are paid, but it was stated this morning that if any of the squatters were en-

ASIA-MINOR QUAKE.

CASUALTY LIST MOUNTS.

Jerusalem, July 13.

The death roll in the earthquake continues to mount.

Fifteen additional deaths are reported from Ludd.

The official figures for Trans-Jordan are: 9 killed and 35 seriously injured at Amman; 35 and 34 at Es Salt, 20 and 32 for the rest of Trans-Jordan, respectively.

The damage is estimated at £250,000.—Reuter.

titled to live in the village, then they would not be served with notices.

EXAGGERATED REPORTS.

The Chinese press reports, we were informed, were grossly exaggerated, and although the exact number of notices served cannot be ascertained at present, the number is considerably below three hundred.

It was stated in the vernacular newspaper reports that the villagers were in a despairing condition, and intended to appeal to the British Consul.

Interviewed this morning, Dr. Kotewall said that such representations had been made, with the result that he himself, together with Sir Shou-son Chow, paid a visit to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, where it was promised that enquiries would be made immediately and sympathetically.

He told Mr. Peto, who asked whether the decision was based on expert advice of the naval, military and mercantile community in China, that the Government would take full responsibility for its own decision. It would consult such people and take such advice as it thought expedite.

It was impossible to say what might be necessary to protect British interests at Hankow four months hence, but providing the situation had not changed, a substantial force would be maintained throughout the winter.—Reuter.

THE VESSEL WILL CLEAR FOR CANTON.

THE RUBBER TRADING.

AMERICAN COMMISSION REDUCED.

New York, July 13.

The Rubber Exchange has reduced its trading commissions by about 40 per cent.

It is believed the cut will make trading on exchange more attractive to the public, particularly to rubber manufacturers in the United States and to producers abroad.—British Wireless.

FRANCO-GERMAN COMMERCE.

NEW CUSTOMS BILL PASSED.

Paris, July 18.

The Chamber, by 480 votes to 26, has passed the Customs Bill, empowering the Government to conclude commercial negotiations with Germany.—British Wireless.

THERE AND BACK.

BRITISH AIRMAN TO FLY ATLANTIC.

"HOP" TO U.S. AND RETURN.

London, July 13.

Captain Courtney will, if the weather permits, leave Calshot aerodrome on Saturday in his attempt to fly across the Atlantic and back.

Final tests of his Dormier Napier Whirl flying boat, are to be made to-morrow during an extended flight round the Isle of Wight, to test the wireless installation and petrol consumption details.

On Saturday he will fly from Calshot to Valencia, in Ireland, where the machine will be filled with petrol, which will take about three hours.

Capt. Courtney will then immediately depart for Newfoundland, en route for New York.—British Wireless.

FARMAN BROTHERS' VENTURE.

Paris, July 13.

Although the aviator Drouhin has contracted with Levine to pilot the "Columbia," monoplane back to America, the Farman brothers are still determined that a Goliath aeroplane, which was originally intended for Drouhin to fly from Paris to New York, shall attempt the Atlantic flight as soon as possible.

For this purpose they have selected the well-known commercial flier Givon as pilot.—Reuter.

AMAZING GOLF.

"BOBBY" JONES SETS NEW RECORD.

London, July 13.

In the British open golf championship contest at St. Andrews, "Bobby" Jones played amazing golf in the first round, doing it in 68, a 32 and 36, beating the amateur record for the course by three strokes, and equaling Dunn's professional record.

The leaders in the first round are Jones and the Australian Netfield, with 68 and 71 respectively, next coming Dobson, of East Renfrew, Storey of West Hill, Hudson of Tenby, Kirkwood, W. Torrance of Edinburgh, and Murray of Skerries, each with 72.

Amongst the others are Compston with 74, Braithwaite 75, Barnes, Robson, Aubrey Boomer, and Taylor 76, Tolley and the Americans Naboltz and Melhorn 77, and Tweddell 78.

JONES' PLAY.

Five thousand people followed Jones, who did the eighteen holes in 4, 5, 4, 4, 3, 3, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4.

He was bunkered at the second, and took two to get out, then holed a 12-yarder.

He was on the fifth green, a distance of 580 yards, in two, and holed a 30-yarder, amid cheers, for three. Thereafter he had an "eagle" and three "birds."

The first bad shot was at the tenth, when he drove short and duffed a chip shot. He also had a nasty lie at the fourteenth, which cost him three to reach the green. He holed out at the eighteenth to a deafening ovation.—Reuter.

TREATY WITH HEDJAZ SIGNED.

BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED.

London, July 13.

A "bouquet" was handed to Sir Isidore Salmon, speaking at the Royal Sanitary Institute conference at Hastings.

He declared that there was nothing in England or the United States to excel the thoroughness and skill of certain "wonderfully hygienic" food-packing factories at Shanghai.—Reuter.

THE RHINELAND GARRISONS.

BRITAIN'S QUOTA THE SMALLEST.

London, July 13.

The War Minister, answering a question regarding the present numbers of Allied troops on the Rhine, said they comprised 7,300 British, 56,500 French, and 6,300 Belgian troops.—British Wireless.

AN EXCHEQUER WINDFALL.

London, July 13.

The unsettled estate of the late Lord Cowdray is valued at £4,000,000.

So far as is at present ascertainable, the death duty payable will be £1,600,000.—Reuter.

NAVAL AGREEMENT UNLIKELY?

LATEST REPORTS ARE LESS OPTIMISTIC.

DEADLOCK IS NOW FEARED.

Washington, July 13.

Indications are forthcoming that Mr. Kellogg does not share President Coolidge's optimism

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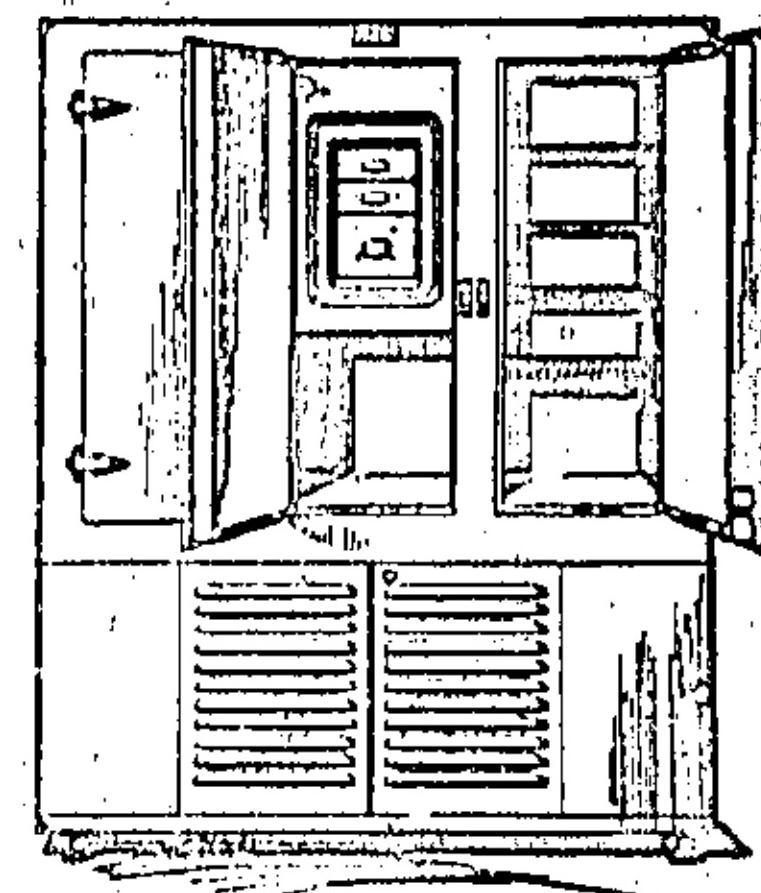
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CANTON SITUATION.

BANDITS AND REDS ATTACKING RAILWAYS.

Canton, July 13.

It appears that the North River military situation is becoming more serious.

According to information obtained from military circles here General Chien Ta-chun's expeditionary force, which recently entered Kiangsi, has retreated back into this province. However, it is denied that such retreat was due to a setback. The reported fall of Nanyang, an important city on the Kiangsi border, is also denied, although there are reasons to believe that this city is now in great danger.

Large forces of troops are being concentrated in Shihkuwan.

Some troops, however, have been posted to Yingtak and other places along the Canton-Shihkuwan railway line, which is also threatened by the Red army under Chen Ka-yau from the Small North River.

Very little information is obtainable as to the actual whereabouts of the Red army of Chen Ka-yau, who recently re-entered the province from Hunan. They are believed to have been scattered, but Chen's army has been considerably reinforced since re-entering Kwangtung. Chen's army is in control of number of the districts in the north-western part of the province, but these territories are "poor" and he can hardly raise sufficient funds to feed his army. Therefore he is now attempting to break through the railway line, for the capture of any part of the railway will mean that Shihkuwan can be easily taken. To safeguard the railway, the entire 16th Division of General Li Fuk-lam's army was sent up from Canton.

Yesterday a telegram was received from the Magistrate of Yingtak that the notorious bandit gang in Yungyuen under their chief Chen Po-him started an attack on the Yingtak district a few days ago and although the bandits have been driven back to Yungyuen, reinforcements are needed imperatively for the defence of Yingtak district.

In view of the serious military situation, General Li Chai-sum, the acting Commander-in-Chief, has instructed the Garrison Commanders in the different parts of the province that they can mobilize troops and declare martial law at their own discretion.

General Chien Ta-chun is going up in a few days to direct the North river operations. General Li Fuk-lam, whose troops are participating in the North River military operations, will probably go up also.

General Ho Chi-wu, the Eastern Kwangtung Garrison Commander, who recently visited Canton has returned to Swatow to resume active charge of military affairs there.

Reinforcements Sought from Kwangsi.

Canton, July 13.

General Li Kan-yun, representing General Fan Shek-sang in Canton returned to Kwangsi yesterday taking an order from the Canton authorities to General Fan requiring that Fan's army report in Canton within two weeks time.

General Fan's army had been ordered to proceed from Kwangsi to the Hunan front for some time but their advance has been rather slow owing to the "lack of funds and ammunition", and General Li Kan-yun was recently sent to Canton to confer General Li Chai-sum on the sending of supplies.

Since the Reds from Hunan and Kiangsi are again threatening the North River and troops in this province are not quite sufficient to cope with the present military situation, the military authorities here are asking General Fan to send his army to Canton speedily.—F. A. C.

HANKOW TO-DAY.

BORODIN TAKING NO CHANCES.

A foreigner who arrived in Shanghai from Hankow, states that conditions at all the Yangtze ports can only be described as terrible.

At Ichang, merchant ships, the property of American, French and Italian steamship companies have been commandeered and are being used to transport troops to Wanhsien and district. This port has been systematically looted by the retreating troops of General Yang Sen, notorious perpetrator of the Wanhsien outrage.

At Hankow, Russian communists are leaving. Formerly they were paid in gold dollars, now they receive Central Bank notes.

A badge in enamel was produced by this gentleman which he asserts is a facsimile of those worn by Russian Communists in that port. On the face of it is the Kuomintang emblem—"the white sun in a blue sky". Under the flag are nine Chinese characters which being translated are as follows:—"Nationalist Government—member of the military committee." Underneath this on a blue ground is the Soviet emblem, the hammer, sickle and rifle, the rifle being placed over the other two. On the reverse side is the number of the person in whose favour the badge has been issued.

Anti-Feng Slogan.

The N. C. D. News informant asserts that Hankow is plastered with the following slogan:—"Down with Feng Yu-hsiang and Chao An, put down as his place of birth. At first it was decided to fine him \$150, but someone urged that advantage should be taken of their "capture" and the fine was increased to \$5,000. This Mr. Low refused to pay, and after many threats, it was reduced to \$1,000.

Again refusing he was thrust into a filthy room, and finding his position intolerable, Low agreed to sign a draft for \$1,000 at three days' sight and also a document admitting that he was fined for the "illicit use of opium."

Fourteen hours after his "arrest," Low was released, and the draft was cashed on June 13th, in spite of vigorous protests by the British Consul.

A British Subject. Every proof is forthcoming that Low Peng-kiah is a British subject. For years he has been recognized as such by both the British Consulate in Swatow and the Chinese authorities. Both the Opium Suppression Bureau and the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, though aware of this claim that Mr. Low is a Chinese subject, and that the case does not concern the British authorities.

Mr. Low Peng-kiah's father was naturalized at Singapore as long ago as 1857, a certificate of British nationality was held by his father, and British passports to travel in Kwantung, endorsed "Father was a British subject," have been issued to Mr. Low.

It is understood that the Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Swatow has written a report to the Nanking Government concerning the incident, worded in such a way as to prejudice the Ministry for Foreign Affairs against Low Peng-kiah, and likely to bring therefore a decision against his British nationality.

In tolerable. The British Consul at Swatow, Mr. Kirke, protested vigorously against the gross breach of treaty stipulations, the reply being to the effect that Mr. Low's nationality was being investigated and that he could not be accepted as a British subject until reports were received.

It may be recalled that some time ago Mr. Low Peng-kiah's foreshore was seized, and his land expropriated on the pretext of making roads. The only possible conclusion is that the Chinese authorities are deliberately persecuting Mr. Low.

SWATOW OUTRAGE.

PERSECUTION OF A BRITISH SUBJECT.

Roughly abused, thrust into a dark, evil-smelling room, infested with mosquitoes, until he agreed to pay a "fine" of \$1,000, a British subject of Chinese descent, named Low Peng-kiah, was grossly victimised by a Chinese Government Department in Swatow last month. Consular action has been taken in the matter, the incident being described as a flagrant case of extortion, an act of which only bandits would be thought guilty, and a gross breach of treaty stipulations.

The Opium Suppression Bureau, actually the office of a monopolistic organisation for trading in opium, is the Swatow department concerned. On June 10th, Mr. Low Peng-kiah's house was invaded by several members of the Bureau, who stated they were searching for illicit opium.

Naturally, Low, being a British subject, informed them that any action they wished to take against him must pass through the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs and the British Consulate.

The unwelcome visitors roundly abused him, and after seizing a small box of opium and his smoking utensils—Low is a light smoker of opium—dragged him to the Police Station. Later he was sent to the office of the Opium Suppression Bureau.

Imprisoned in Filthy Room.

Here Low Peng-kiah informed his questioners that he was born in Singapore and was a British subject. He was ridiculed and Chao An, was put down as his place of birth. At first it was decided to fine him \$150, but someone urged that advantage should be taken of their "capture" and the fine was increased to \$5,000. This Mr. Low refused to pay, and after many threats, it was reduced to \$1,000.

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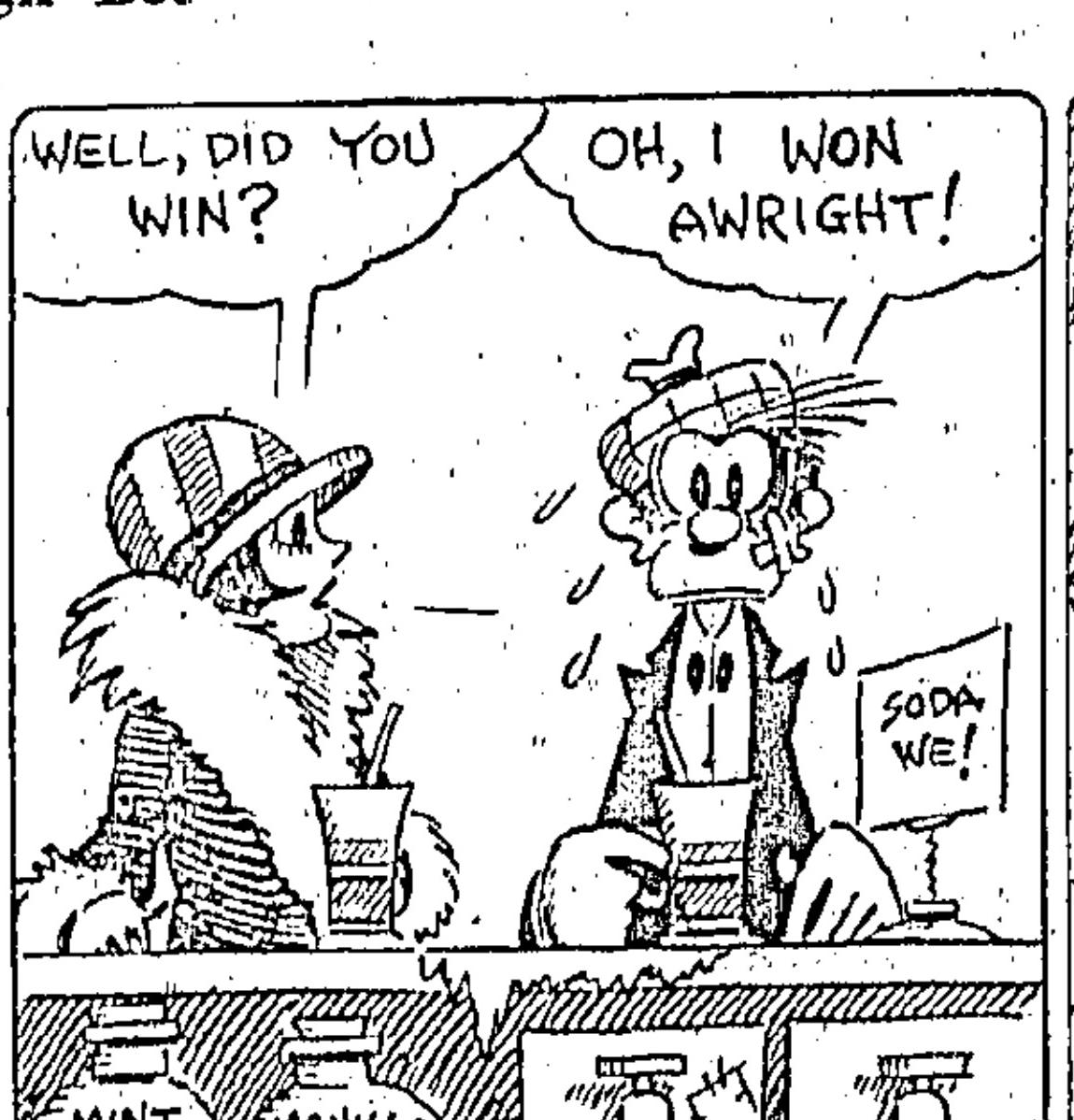
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VOLUNTEER BOXERS.—The Field Artillery Battery, S.V.C., won the Gordon Cup, the trophy presented for competition between units of the corps, at the S.V.C. Boxing Tournament at Shanghai recently. The team is shown above. From left to right they are: B. Hertzberg, winner of the feather-weights, W. Hassick, lightweight runner-up, M. Hertzberg, featherweight runner-up, and H. Hertzberg, winner of the lightweights and welterweights.



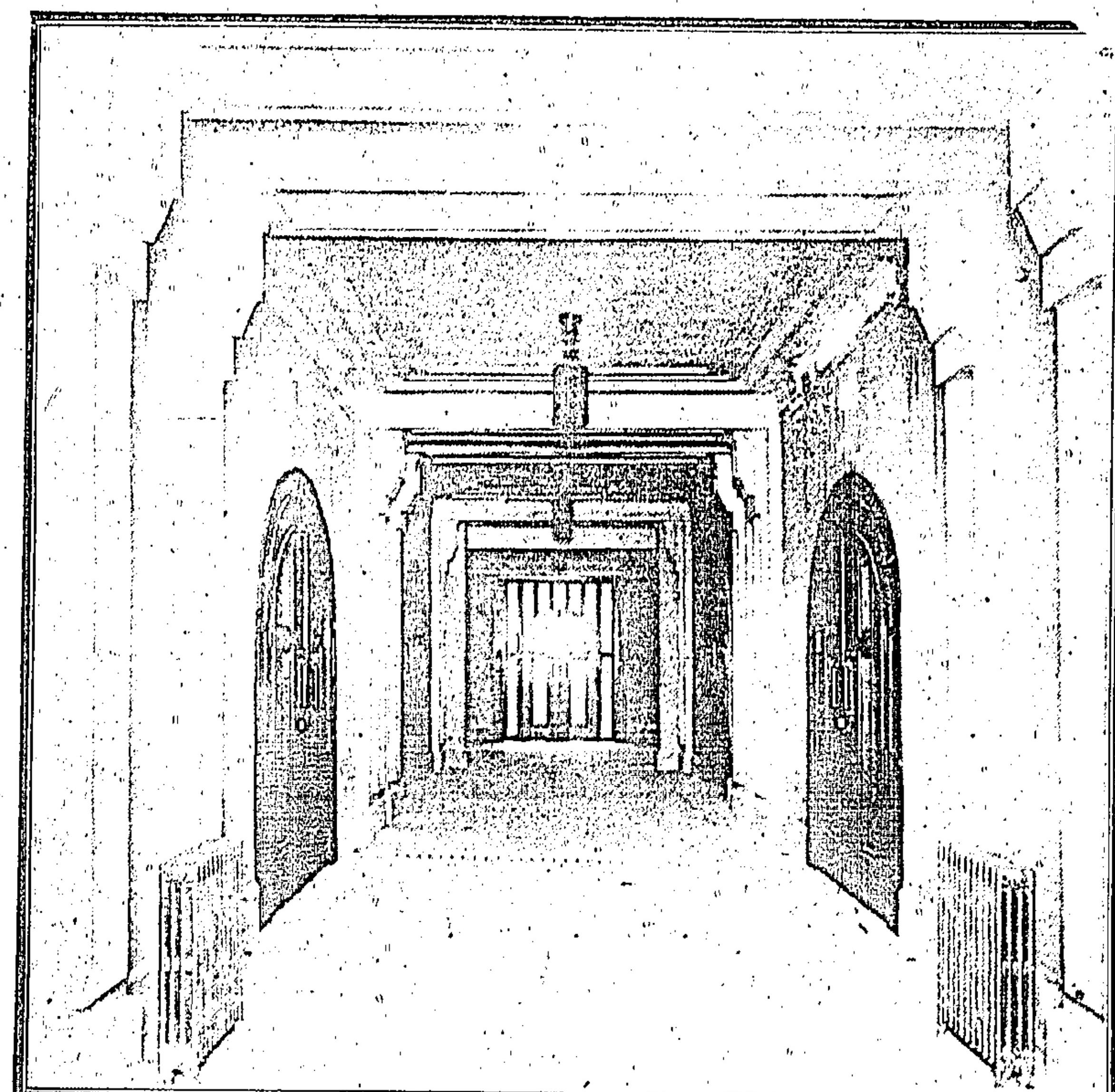
PLANS BIG FLIGHT.—Miss Mildred Doren, pretty 21-year-old school teacher of Flint, Michigan, aims to be the first woman to take an aeroplane ride across the Pacific. With Pilot Augie Pedlar, she plans to fly from San Francisco to Honolulu in a giant monoplane.



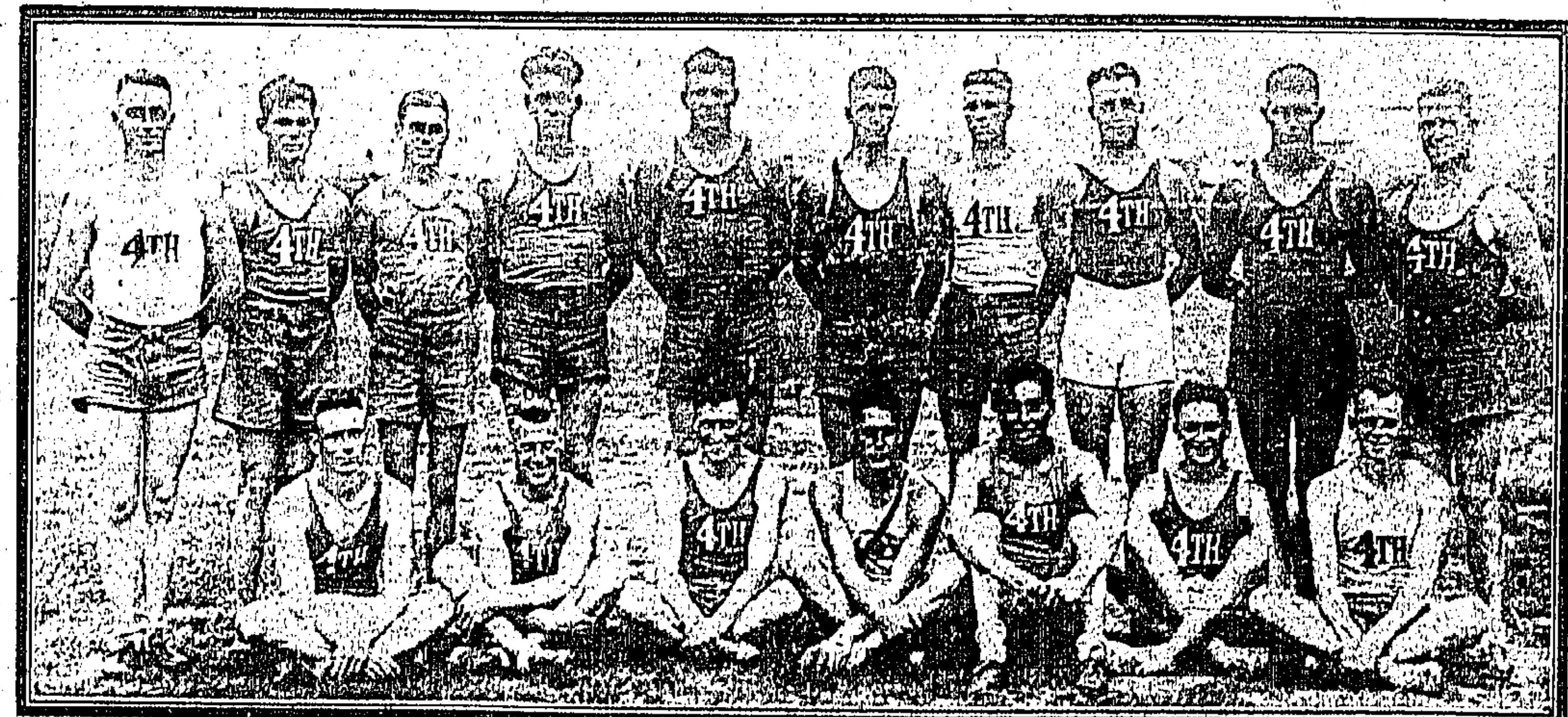
FROM CHINA.—Mrs. J. V. A. McMurray, wife of the American Minister to China, is shown with her children as they arrived in San Francisco after leaving China. Mrs. McMurray is shown with Joan, 10, Lois, 4, and Frank, 8.



AIRMAN'S PALS.—When Col. Charles A. Lindbergh disembarked from the U. S. cruiser Memphis in Washington, four of his old friends from Little Falls, Minnesota, were there to meet him. They made the trip by automobile.



SHANGHAI SYNAGOGUE.—An interior view of the main entrance corridor of the new Beth Aharon Synagogue which was opened at Shanghai recently by Sir Sidney Barton, K.B.E., C.M.G. On either side of the corridor are the reception room, cloak room, meeting rooms, book rooms, etc. The building was designed by Messrs. Palmer and Turner.



ATHLETES AT SHANGHAI.—Photograph shows the victorious team of athletes who secured the Mark L. Moody Shield for the team winning the first open international track and field meeting at Shanghai recently. The U. S. Marines scored a decisive victory over their nearest competitors.



DR. W. A. THAYER, of Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, newly-elected president of the American Medical Association.

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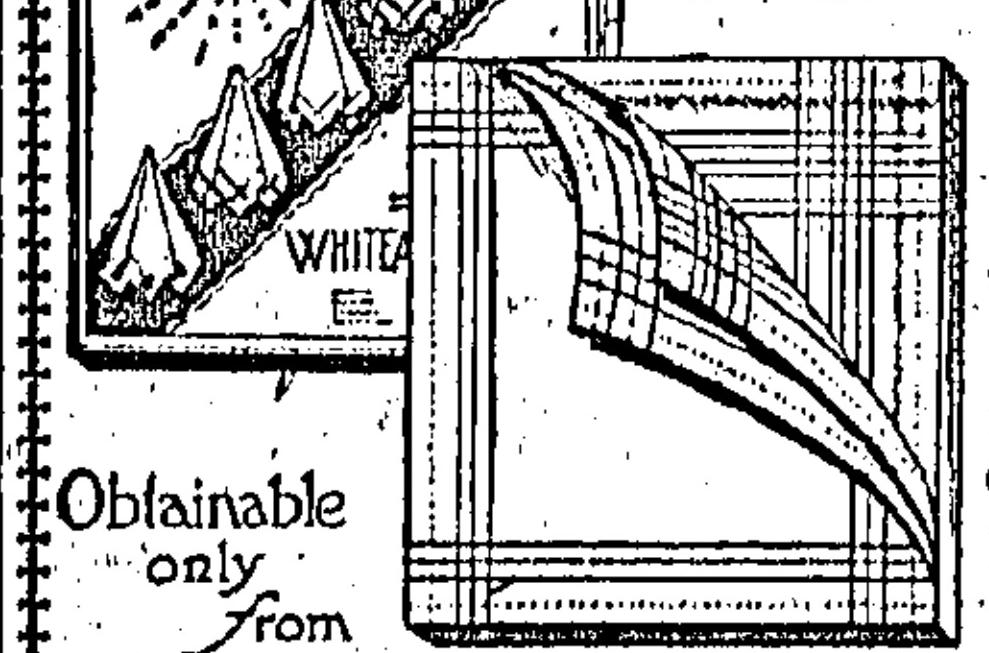
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On the 6th May, 1927, IU PO LUN, an employee of the KIEN TJIANG HAN firm of 126 Wing Lok Street absconded from the above address, having on various dates prior to that date obtained large sums of money from the said Firm by Fraud.

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(Sd.) E. D. C. WOLFE, Captain Superintendent of Police.

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By Order

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A. C. HYNES,
Acting Chief Manager,

Hongkong, 12th July, 1927.

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A PEKINGESE SHOW.

ORIGIN OF A POPULAR FANCY IN PETS.

The Peking Palace Dog Association, which was founded in 1908, and is going on stronger than ever, celebrated its twentieth birthday with a show at Ranelagh on June 21, at which Lady Algernon Gordon Lennox, founder of the association, consented to judge, says the *China Express and Telegraph*.

Records are not very definite concerning the size of the dogs that were brought home after the occupation of the Summer Palace in 1860, but the information that has survived leaves no doubt that they were small. Lady Algernon's strain are the descendants of the pair that reached Goodwood from the Summer Palace.

It has been said, writes Mr. A. Croxton Smith, that five came to England at that time, but I think there must have been more. The late Admiral Oliver Jones, who, as a captain, was present when the Palace was overrun, made the most definite statement, saying that a bitch and five puppies were found behind a box.

Lord Hay took the mother and one of the puppies, and Admiral Jones had another, which survived until 1872. This was black and white. Furthermore, two officers of the 93rd Foot secured a dog and bitch, the latter of which had a litter soon after the regiment returned to Canton. A dog from this litter brought to England in 1863, lived for nearly seventeen years, and one regrets that he sired but one puppy from another Sumpter Palace bitch belonging to Captain Clarendon Henderson. What material we had in the country for preserving the genuine blood, if it had only been used more extensively!

Then among my papers I find a note from the *Ladies' Home Journal* of 1896 saying that "the Princess of Wales is charmed with a dear little dog from China, which has just arrived at Sandringham. It was sent to her as a Peking Pug, but I can't help thinking that must be a mistake, as it is in appearance a spaniel of Japanese type; but instead of being black-and-white it is a sort of brindle and white. It weighs barely 3 1/2 lbs. and is a delightfully bright-natured little mite."

Origin of Pekingese.

Anyone who is interested in tracing the beginnings of the many breeds now familiar to us may well ask if the Pekingese, Japanese and European dwarf spaniels are allied, or if they belong to distinct races? I shall be told at once that the shape of the heads is different, although bearing a superficial resemblance, but that, I think, is not of much account, as the discrepancies could easily have arisen in the course of years.

Are the Pekingese indigenous to China? is another question that might be debated. Taking for granted that they are of considerable antiquity in that country, I am not sure it follows that they were produced there. Mr. Edward C. Ash has collected a good deal of information in his great work, where we read that the Emperor, 565 A.D., gave a certain name to a Persian dog, which could not have been big, as it rode on the Emperor's horse.

In 670 A.D., the Chinese presented small dogs to the Japanese. Then, between 742 and 755 A.D. is the story of a lapdog from Samarkand. This was the little creature that saved the Emperor from defeat at chess by springing upon the board and scattering the pieces. In 618 A.D. Chinese literature has reference to some that might be of the Pekingese family. "Wang Win-tia presented a pair of dogs to the king. They were 6 in. high and one foot long... They were named Fu-in-dz, after the name of the place they came from."

NANKING TO MARRY OFF CONCUBINES.

SYSTEM MAY BE ABOLISHED BY NATIONALISTS.

The Women's Department of the Provincial Kuomintang Committee of Kiangsu has petitioned the Nationalist Government to abolish by proclamation and to make punishable by law the system and practice of concubinage. As regards those who already have concubines in their families, the Government is urged to order that suitable

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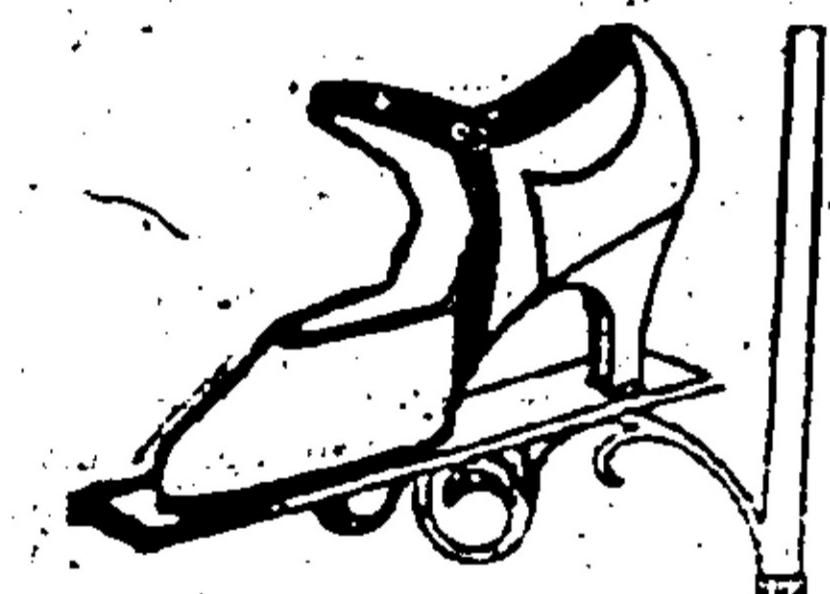
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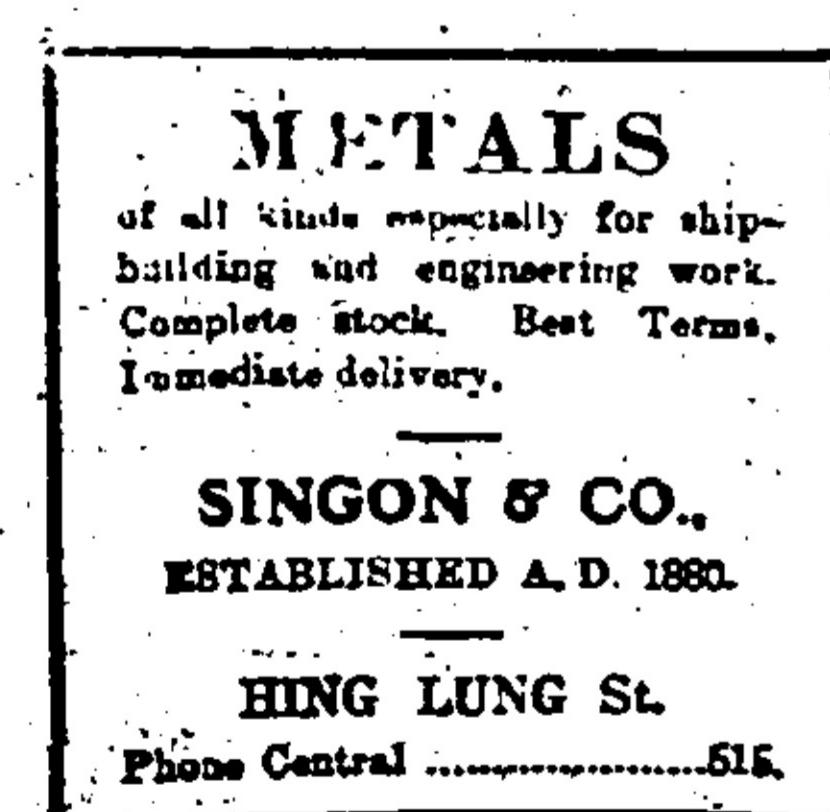
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TERRIBLE ORDEAL

FOREIGNERS TRAPPED AT CHENGCHOW.

Tsingtao, July 1.
Twenty-five foreign refugees were put ashore at Tsingtao from the little northern gunboat Churyu, at 2.30 p.m. on the afternoon of June 30, and dazed, but brave and thankful, proceeded to find rest and refreshment where they could after having endured an ordeal of many days of suffering and anxiety. Their clothes dirty and the worse for wear; their faces bearing the strained looks illustrative of their miseries; their luggage carried into house or hotel and showing every sign of ill-treatment by the marks of torn-off locks, or boxes with smashed-in sides, all gave every indication of piratical pilferage.

The party upon arrival at Tsingtao consisted of the following:—Mr. Muller, Postal Commissioner from Kaifeng (British); Mr. Matheson, pilot, of Tapo (Danish); M. and Mme. Coole and four children; Dr. and Mme. Renaut, M. and Mme. Brassey; M. and Mme. De Becker and child; M. and Mme. De Clercq, all Belgians, employees of the Lunghai Railway at Chengchow; Mr. and Mrs. Steensby (Danish) of Messrs. Andersen, Meyer & Co.'s staff at Chengchow; Mr. and Mrs. Karnaloff (Russians); Mr. Zokowsky (Polish), Mr. Molinatto (Italian), and Mr. Tavetoff, the three last being also railway employees; the Italian gentleman being the well-known engineer associated with the Yellow River bridge.

On May 19 when the Mukden troops had driven the Southerners out of Chengchow there was fought a battle which had lasted for three days to gain that end, and the foreigners had spent a most unpleasant time during that battle, a northern armoured car being stationed only a few hundred yards from the city, but the advent of the northern troops meant safety for the foreigners because they instituted discipline and order.

RAPID NORTHERN RETREAT.

The first Southern troops to re-enter Chengchow were those of General Tang Seng-chi, which appeared like a disorderly rabble after the orderly Mukden troops. They occupied the Lunghai Railway Administration Buildings, as well as the residences of the railway's foreign employees, a family of mother, father, and four children being allowed to occupy a single room of their own house and the rest of the building filled with soldiers.

Then the military took complete charge of the railway and appointed one of their officers as the managing director. The foreign employees were then forced to attend the Sun Yat-sen memorial services twice weekly, and to make obeisance, etc., with the congregation. Absence thence from this ceremony meant dismissal from employment.

JOURNEY FROM CHENGCHOW.

It took three weeks more before the Chengchow foreigners could obtain the needful railway carriage in which to reach the coast, and at last two freight cars were gradually placed at the disposal of the 25 refugees from Chengchow.

The party left Chengchow on June 23, happy at last to get away from their practical captivity.

It took four days to go by train from Chengchow to the coastal terminus of the Lunghai Railway at Tapo, a distance of only about 300 miles. During that journey the refugees found their freight car twice uncoupled from the military train and themselves left derelict on the line. On one occasion the Chinese driver or engineer of a

AN ULTIMATUM.

NICARAGUAN REBEL URGED
TO SURRENDER.

Tsingtao, July 1.
The Commander of the detachment of United States Marines here has sent an ultimatum to General Sandino, the former Liberal leader, who, according to the American authorities here, has been occupying American mines and collecting taxes at San Fernando. The ultimatum calls on the General to lay down his arms by Thursday morning or he will be attacked by joint Conservative Nicaraguan and United States forces. Sandino has at his disposal 1,000 men. Reuter's American Service.

The inhabitants are congregated in pathetic groups in open-air camps outside the city whose

EARTHQUAKE TOLL.

A CITY OF DEATH.

Tsingtao, July 1.
Jerusalem, July 13.
Save for occasional cowed figures, salvaging bedding on the backs of mules and donkeys, the usually animated streets of Nablus are transformed into a city of the dead, as after a heavy bombardment. Scarcely a house has escaped.

The inhabitants are congregated in pathetic groups in open-air camps outside the city whose

train was beaten for having shown them sympathy by helping them.

Many bodies remain entombed despite the incessant exhumation operations directed by British police and attended by pathetic and awful scenes.

A considerable amount of dynamiting will be necessary before all the bodies are recovered.

It is officially estimated that at present over 150 were killed in Palestine and 100 in Transjordan. Over 500 were injured.—Reuter.

from side to side to make way for the ascending baggage. Mr. Muller, being plainly in appearance the senior in age was singled out doubtless as the leader, and him they heavily mistreated, striking him heavily blows on his legs with a bayonet pin to get him to disclose the treasure.

The refugees had no arms, and made no resistance. The behaviour of the women and children is especially praiseworthy, under these trying and terrible circumstances. They neither cried nor screamed at all, but remained quiet and calm. Mme. Coole feeding her little baby at this time, and heating its milk, as if nothing frightful was occurring, she and others of the ladies saying their prayers softly to gain fortitude.

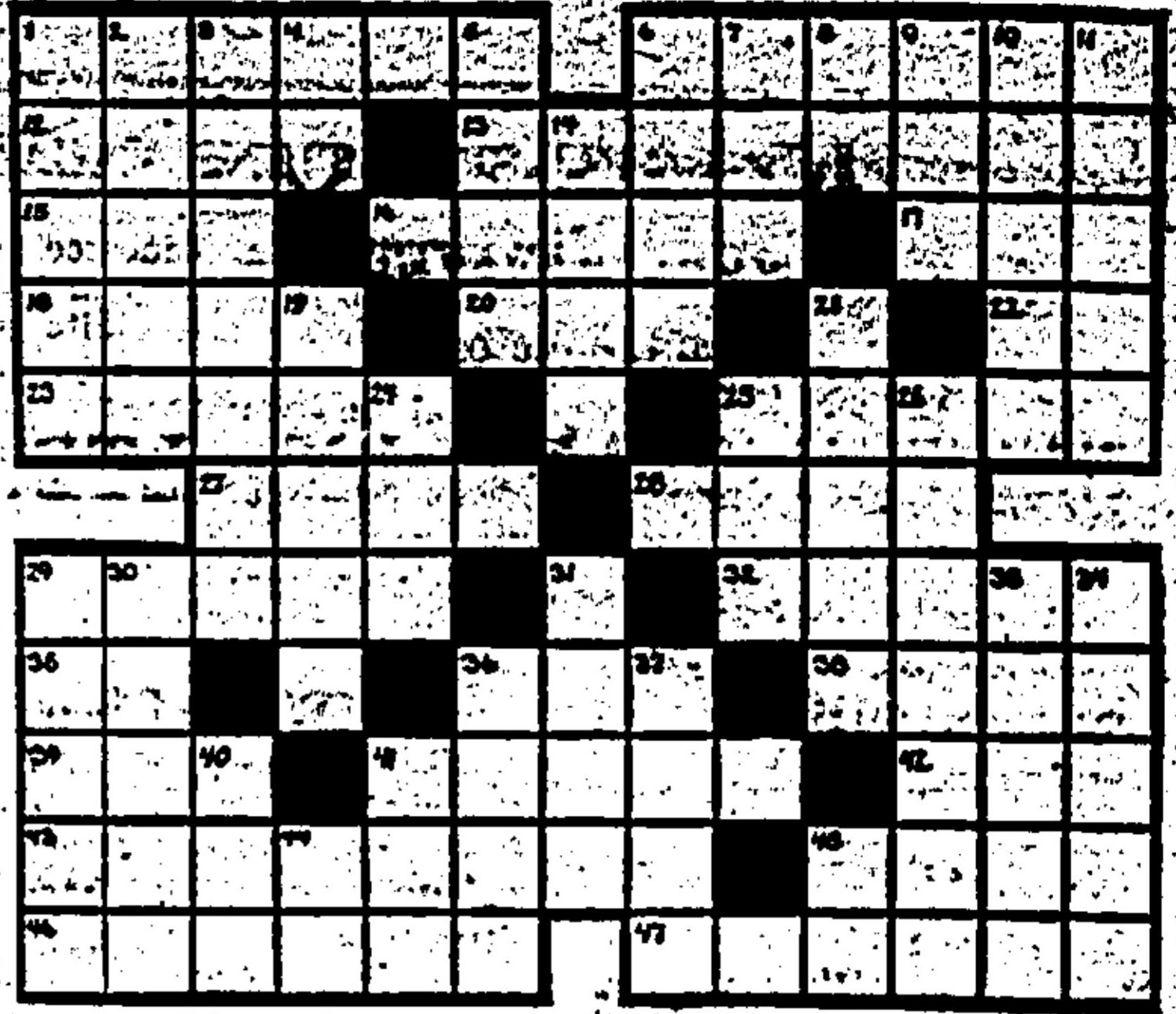
WARRIORS ARRIVE.

At length, after almost two hours search the two cases of silver were discovered and transhipped, as well as all the valuables, of the party, including a box of silverware belonging to the Steensbys, and the pirates evinced a strong desire to depart quickly. They had formerly discussed whether they should set fire to the refugee junk, doubtless with the intention of leaving the foreign witnesses of their piracy aboard the burning ship, but now they were only in haste to get off and this they did speedily. Casting their eyes northward the refugees observed the smoke of an approaching steamer, which probably the pirates had already observed, and another hour brought the Chinese man-of-war Churyu near the poor refugees, who signalled violently with sheets attached to poles and so attracted the gunboat's attention.

On approaching the junk the officers of the man-of-war questioned the refugees at great length as to their origin, etc., and though they begged to take them aboard the ship they did not do so at once but proceeded after the pirate vessel, which could not have proceeded very far south. Meanwhile the refugee junk followed in the wake of the man-of-war which disappeared for a time but later on returned with the news that the junk had not been seen. On the refugees begging again to be allowed aboard the man-of-war the officers finally acquiesced, and the party were made comfortable in the tween decks and given food.

It was only when the ladies boarded the gunboat that their admirable courage and deportment gave way at last, and every one of them wept, thankful no doubt, to be safe from the awful experiences they had so lately passed through. Mrs. Steensby had saved her wedding ring and engagement ring by hiding them in her stocking upon the approach of the pirates, but that was all the bijouterie saved.

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33 Claw of a bird of prey.
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THE VALUE OF TREES.

"Save the trees," at one time a popular catch-phrase in Britain and elsewhere, has latterly gone into desuetude, so it is gratifying to note from a news cable published yesterday that in parts of the Empire there are both Government and private afforestation schemes in progress. It was not so very many years ago that the greatest store was set by the possession of timber, well-grown and of good quality. That, too, at a time when the expansion of paper-making, the manufacture of artificial silk, and so forth, had not made half the calls on timber supplies that are known to-day. It was when the Great War demanded constant supplies of wood, for trench props, duckboards, and a variety of other uses, that even immature groves in Britain were felled in order to supply the needs of the fighting forces, and when the Armistice came, there were many resolutions to repair the great wastage that necessity had permitted. It is a shame to see how the appreciation of trees has declined in many parts of the world, and Britain has been no exception. The pseudo-scientific cult of sunlight has even led to advocacy in some of the leading Home papers of doing away with the "unhealthy" plantations of "ancestral" trees around old country houses. There has already been enough vandalism and enforced sale of timber on some of the premier estates, without this additional urge. But the authorities may be depended upon, wherever the matter has received due thought, to encourage the increase rather than the decrease of tree planting. In America there are national campaigns for this definite purpose, and the idea might be introduced with advantage to other parts of the world.

Econ mists with their finger on the pulse of the timber markets, and forestry men, whose life work is the study and nurture of valuable trees, realise to-day the actual peril that threatens the world in time to come, should there not be some form of compensation for all the wastage of timber that is going on. The vast pine forests of northern temperate countries that are called upon to supply wood for the gigantic pulp industries, will not last for ever. In time we may have to use all manner of substitutes for wood. A hint of this

is already seen in the substitution of steel shafts for hickory, in the case of golf-sticks. To take another instance at random, there is the ever increasing demand for certain qualities of tough timber for the manufacture of struts for aircraft, which even the growing use of metal has not done away with. One trusts that the time is never coming when the "Ashes" will be struck for by batsmen armed with implements of aluminium in place of the traditional willow! Yet it is inevitable, with increased use of timber, and opening up of forest areas necessitating extensive felling of trees, that there is a period ahead when wood of better quality will be actually scarce. It is something to know, then, that the Empire administrators are fully alive to the need for re-afforestation work.

Apart from mere commercial or utility considerations, the conservation of trees touches both aesthetic and vital questions. The need for greenery to retain moisture and keep up an adequate rainfall, is realised by the retention of wooded areas in reservoir catchwaters. The great value of tree-covered hillsides in preventing heavy erosion of soil by rain (and consequent silting of watercourses) is also well established, and is one of the matters in connexion with forestry that is realised in Hongkong as much as anywhere else. In time, the efforts of our forest officers should result in further clothing of areas in this Colony with pine groves, to the decided advantage of the place. Happily, there is a very strong appreciation of the value of timber among officials in the local administration, and even the public is not lacking in the tree-loving sense, as the Public Works Department must realise every time they contemplate cutting down a few shade trees! But it is a healthy sign.

Squatters' Rights.

We do not yet know full details in connexion with the report in the vernacular press that the Government has served notices to quit upon a large number of people who live in huts on the low-lying land which lies between Shamshui Po and the Tai Po Road—near the village known as Kap Shek Mei—but we are confident that the Government is acting strictly within its rights, both legal and moral, in asking the people concerned to give up possession. There is a very definite law governing the rights of squatters in this Colony, and the Squatters' Board is the authority to whom applications are made for squatters' leases on permits, and these leases and short-notice permits can only be determined by properly laid down processes. Unfortunately, there are a great many poor Chinese who just dump themselves down anywhere there might be room, put up a shack and proceed to make the place their home, subsisting by growing vegetables or breeding pigs and such-like. Many of them never apply for a permit and are trespassers under the Squatters' Ordinance which was passed in 1890. They could, of course, be turned out summarily. And there are many others on short-notice permits. But all dwellers in this Colony occupy land under the Government which has power to resume any piece of land required for some public purpose, and there are regular legal processes whereby that resumption can be accomplished. The Government is only acting strictly within its rights, and this should be borne in mind when the people now under notice complain of hard treatment in being asked to make way for a public improvement.

The filling-in of the area concerned should most assuredly be carried out. But in the present almost stagnant state of the development plans conceived some two or three years ago we doubt whether there are buyers and builders enough to warrant dispossessing the squatters, who might be allowed to stay on the area after it has been raised to the desired level. There is much derelict reclaimed ground lying fallow in the Shamshui Po, Lai Chi Kok and Cheung Sha Wan districts, and we do not see the necessity of adding largely to it at the moment. Fill in the swampy ground by all means, but let the settlers stay until the land is actually required for building purposes. That, we think, would be a good way-out of what is, after all, a very serious problem for the lowly Chinese concerned.

DAY BY DAY.

THERE ARE MORE MEN ENTHUSED BY STUDY THAN BY NATURE.—Cicero.

There was a clean bill of health for the Colony yesterday.

The typhoon appears to be about 700 miles E.S.E. of Hongkong, moving westward, says the Royal Observatory report issued this morning.

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow, issued by the Royal Observatory, states: East winds, moderate; cloudy, at first, fair later.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 10 arrivals and 11 departures, of which four and three respectively were British, leaving 74 vessels in harbour, 35 British.

An employee of the Kowloon Docks has been sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital, after being struck on the jaw by a steam hammer whilst working in the docks yesterday.

We learn that H. M. S. Peterel, one of the four river gunboats at present being re-assembled in the Tai Po Dockyard, is to be launched from that yard on Monday morning.

The Kong Ning was berthed at the Hoi On Wharf yesterday on completion of compass trials, and will make her maiden trip under her new house flag to-morrow, sailing for Macau at 5 p.m.

Sir Laurence Guillemard was received in audience by the King on June 9 upon relinquishing his appointment as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Straits Settlements, when his Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Stated by a Chinese constable to have been arrested five times in all for looting for car hire in Peel Street, a Chinese was charged for the sixth time before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy, this morning. The defendant stated that he had been previously summoned and fined \$10. A fine of \$15 was imposed.

A Chinese coolie working at Morrison Hill has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from multiple injuries caused by being struck by falling rocks. It seems that the rocks were loosened during the blasting operations, and fell during the afternoon on to a gang of coolies who were working there.

Mr. G. Van Vliet, third officer, s.s. Tilbury, prosecuted a coal coolie before Mr. W. Schofield, this morning, at the Kowloon Magistracy, on a charge of theft of a cabin clock. The defendant was stated to have been seen to enter the complainant's cabin, take the time-piece and conceal it beneath a matting in his coal basket. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

A tea party will be given by Dr. S. W. Tso, Hon. Commissioner of Police Reserve to the Chinese Company of the Hongkong Police Reserve, on Friday, at 5.30 p.m., at the Savoy Hotel. Every member of the Chinese Company is invited, and the opportunity will be taken to discuss ways and means to increase the strength and to develop the usefulness of the Company.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with wasting water by turning on a street fountain and allowing it to run without turning it off. The Police stated that the habit was very common in the Quarry Bay district, and in the case of the defendant, he was seen to leave the tap running for five minutes at least. Mr. Lindsell discharged the man with a caution.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, July 13.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.91
Amsterdam	12.11%
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	18.10%
Vienna	34.47%
Helsingfors	19.27%
Lisbon	2.710
Bucharest	800
Buenos Aires	47.3%
Shanghai	2.63%
Yokohama	1/11.9/32
New York	4.85%
Geneva	25.21%
Milan	80.35
Stockholm	18.13
Oslo	18.80
Prague	10.37%
Madrid	28.43%
Athens	88.91
Rio	5.27/82
Bombay	1/5.29/62
Hongkong	2/0.9%
Silver (spot and forward)	25%
	British Wireless.

CENTRAL POLICE STATION.

STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS IN PROGRESS.

For some time past workmen have been busily engaged at the Central Police Station carrying out certain structural alterations which will enable all work in connexion with the accounts department to be carried on in one office, instead of in two as at present. Garages are also being built.

At present, the accounts department is situated in the new block of buildings, erected in 1920, while the offices for issuing traffic and hawkers' licenses are situated on the opposite side of the compound so that money is collected partly in one office, and partly in the other.

To bring all the work of the accounts department under one roof, the present traffic and hawkers' license offices are being altered to suit the work of that department and the personnel of the traffic office will move to the vacated premises.

Thus, in future, licenses can be obtained and renewed at the accounts office, with the exception of first-time motor licenses, applicants for which will have to apply at the traffic department as before.

Two Garages.

To prevent the collection of cars, vans, cycles, and combinations in the compound two garages are being constructed, one near the charge room and the other between the sanitary block and the main building. The former will be available for police cars, and the latter for cycles and combinations.

A short while ago a shelter adjoining the charge room was built but this was found to be inadequate. It is expected that there will be ample accommodation in the new garages.

TRIAL TRIP.

NEW STEAM LAUNCH.

On Tuesday last were run the official trials of the Steam Launch "Petrel," built and engined by W. S. Bailey and Co., Ltd. for the British North Borneo Government.

The vessel is of teak, with compound surface condensing engines and engine and boiler casing of steel; also European and crews galley, deck cabin forward, neatly panelled with railway carriage windows and fitted with cushioned settees, wash basin and portable table, etc. The bridge, over-forward cabin, is fitted with chart table, flag locker and usual accessories, while a cabin for the Serang is also provided aft with bed, drawers and wash basin; a steam windlass and davit are fitted for handling the anchors.

The trials were highly satisfactory, steam being easily maintained at an average speed of nearly nine knots against the contract speed of 8 to 8½ knots only. The construction of the vessel throughout has been supervised by Mr. J. Finlay Miller, and the others on board during the trials were Messrs. L. J. Ivis and S. A. Arthur of Messrs. Gibb Livingston and Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Borrowman and W. Bailey of Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Co., Ltd.

SHAIKIWAN BLAZE.

RATTAN-GOODS SHOP INVOLVED.

About 8.20 last night a fire broke out at No. 20, Shaukiwan East, the house being a two-storeyed building and entirely occupied for the purpose of manufacturing rattan articles.

The prompt arrival of the fire engine from the Wan Chai Station prevented the fire from spreading. Had it done so, the extent of the damage would undoubtedly have been very great, as there are several paper stores there.

According to reports supplied to the police, the fire started in the cockpit, where a fokl accidentally upset a candle and set alight some dried herbs.

No particulars are available as to the exact damage, but it is learned that the house is insured against fire to the extent of \$2,000.

SIKHS QUARREL.

A FIGHT WITH STICKS.

Shortly after six o'clock this morning a quarrel, believed to be of a religious nature, broke out among seven sikh watchmen in Queen's Road East, which ended in five of the men attacking the other two with sticks.

The two men received injuries necessitating their removal to hospital, one of them having a nasty wound at the back of the head.

The "Very Idea!"

The head of the office was in a thoroughly bad temper, and, moreover, he had just broken his glasses and could only read with difficulty the figures the clerk set before him.

"Just look at this 9," he roared. "It's exactly like a 7."

"The figure is a 4, sir," said the clerk.

"Then," roared the old man, "why does it look like a nine?"

Said he, "I think that ship is

of

The liquor running sort."

When asked why, he replied,

"It's always looking for some port."

It was about Jonah and the Whale that a workman challenged the Bishop of Birmingham at his dinner-hour service recently. Why is it always Jonah? May one suggest that in a matter which concerns all right living and right thinking, the love of God and the love of man, and the whole conception of destiny and the universe, the importance of that fish is apt to be over-estimated? One trait of human nature it does certainly illustrate—the passion of the average man for "a story." It is because of this marvellous adventure that the prophet Jonah is known from end to end of the earth, while the names of his fellow-prophets Haggar and Malachi and Zechariah, who merely inculcate righteousness without sensation, have hardly penetrated into the West End.

Cool at Kingston County Court: I was not treated like a lady cook, but more like a charwoman.

Felixstowe wife: We are not a model couple—happily married, that is all.

Willesden prisoner: I was partly ill and partly drunk. Magistrate: How long have you been ill? Prisoner: Three months. Magistrate: And how long drunk? Prisoner: Not so long as that, sir.

Solicitor to a Walthamstow debtor: Your wife suggests paying £1 a month off this. Is that all right? Debtor: She said so, didn't she?

It is not wise that Ministers should always stay cooped up in Whitehall.—Sir Samuel Hoare.

I for one would rejoice in fewer revues and more of the old-fashioned art of the music-hall.—Lord Leverhulme.

Any hope that the new Prayer Book will bring peace and order to the Church seems to me illusory.—The Bishop of Birmingham.

In Local Government I would back a woman's commonsense against a man's any time.—Alderman Mrs. Mercer, Birkenhead.

It is really very difficult to find a satisfactory word for "all of us." Mr. Augustine Birrell points out how misleading the word "Government" is as used in the phrase so common in Parliament just now—"a strike against the Government"—and suggests instead "the country." That again, is criticised as being too limited and territorial: and others propose "the community" as being at once comprehensive and unpartisan. No doubt we shall solve the problem about the same time that we discover a good word to describe a member of the British race.

An error in translation has led to Captain Lindbergh, the now famous aviator, receiving a crate of spaghetti as a good luck souvenir from Italian admirers in Paris.

The word "pie" was translated in Paris as "pato," which is also used to designate various productions of the genus spaghetti. Hence the gift.

A Scotsman and an Englishman went into a cafe and ordered tea. When it was served the Englishman caused amusement among the other occupants of the cafe by saying loudly, "Now you be mother and pour out."

The Scot did so, but had the last laugh, for at the end of the meal he got up promptly and disappeared, with the remark, "Now you be father and pay."

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CHINESE CHOPS ON BANK NOTES.

NATIVE BANKS OBJECT TO PRACTICE.

PROTEST TO COMPRADORES.

A dispute has arisen recently between the native banks and the compradore departments of the bigger banks, the latter having requested the Chinese native banks to chop their bank notes when they bring them to the compradore department of the foreign banks for exchange purposes, states the vernacular press.

It has been the practice in the past few years among the compradore departments of the foreign banks to request the Chinese native banks to chop the name of their bank on the foreign bank notes, as a precaution, so that, in case forged notes were found the compradore department would not have to be the losers and the origin of the notes could be traced. Recently the Chinese native banks complained that this practice gave them additional trouble, and they therefore asked the compradore departments of the foreign banks to cancel this chopping.

Big Business Done.

The reasons given by the native banks are, that sometimes the number of foreign bank notes brought to the compradore departments of the foreign banks amount in value to \$100,000 or more in a day, and if all these notes have to be chopped before being taken to the foreign banks, the native banks will have to employ more fokis whose sole duty would be to chop those; also if bank notes can be forged, then chops can also be forged, and if the chops of the native banks are forged these banks will have to bear an additional burden, which the compradore departments of the foreign banks ought to shoulder themselves, considering that most of the men in the compradore departments are undoubted men of experience in banking, and have far better power of identifying forged notes than the native banks.

After changing hands for a few years, these notes would, again, be covered with choppings of the names of the native banks.

The native banks are of the opinion that if the dispute cannot be settled, they will have to employ a foreigner so that in the future if there is any exchange of foreign notes to be made this foreigner will, representing the native banks, go to deal straight with the managements of the bigger banks and not through their compradore departments.

The vernacular press states that Mr. Ho Ju, compradore of the Mercantile Bank of India, is now trying to settle the dispute for the two parties.

IRELAND MOURNS.

LATE VICE-PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL.

Dublin, July 13.

An extraordinary air of impressiveness prevailed at the funeral of Vice-President Kevin O'Higgins, who was assassinated on Sunday. Business was practically suspended and schools were closed.

Half a million people watched the draped gun-carriage in its progress from St. Andrew's Church to the "Glasnevin" cemetery, and thousands wept openly.

Scores of women fainted in the crush, overcome with emotion and the heat. The hush in the church was broken only by the sound of stifled sobbing.

Mrs. O'Higgins was a frail, pathetic figure, on the verge of collapse. With her was Governor General O'Higgins, three sisters two brothers and Mr. Cosgrave.

The only words spoken in English were those used in prayers requesting Repose of the Soul.

The late Mr. O'Higgins' relatives, members of the Dail, Senate, Consular offices, Judiciary, military and civil authorities, and the Universities, followed the coffin on foot, also local organisations from the countryside.

At Westminster Cathedral.

Earl Balfour, Lord Birkenhead, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Chief Justice Cave, Mr. Churchill, and Mr. Amery, together with representatives of Mr. Baldwin and other Cabinet Ministers, also former Ministers of the Dominions, and representatives of the relatives of the late Mr. O'Higgins, formed part of a large representative congregation at Westminster Cathedral at the Requiem Mass for Mr. O'Higgins.

The Irish Free State flag was placed on the catafalque as a pall. An Irish priest officiated.—Reuter.

JULY 14.

FRENCH NATIONAL DAY COMMEMORATED.

A reception was held by the French Consul, M. G. Dufaure de la Prade, at 13, Peak Road, this morning, as part of the celebrations of the French National Day.

The reception was in the nature of a semi-official "at home," and was attended by His Excellency the Governor, members of the Government, representatives of the Services, and many prominent residents. It was followed by another reception when many French residents and others were present.

H. E. the Governor arrived about 11.30, accompanied by Capt. C. H. Steele, A.D.C. Others present included the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southon, (Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, (Attorney General), the Hon. Mr. Mel Messer (Colonial Treasurer), Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., accompanied by Lieut. R. Q. P. Johnston, A.D.C., the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, (C.S.P.), the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, C.B.E., C.M.G., (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), the Hon. Mr. W. F. L. Shenton, the Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman, (acting D.P.W.), Compradore J. L. Pearson, accompanied by Capt. Cdr. H. Rogers, R.E., Lt. Com. G. F. Hale, R.N. (Harbour Master), Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Rev. Father Spada and the following Consuls: Mr. H. Schantz and Mr. L. W. Franklin (America), Mr. J. T. Bagram (Siam), Mr. M. J. Quist (Holland), Mr. J. M. da Rocha (Costa Rica), Mr. A. L. C. de Albuquerque Castro (Portugal), Dr. W. Wagner (Germany), Mr. R. Villerey (Panama), and Mr. Georges Bolksin (Belgium).

The toast to His Majesty the King was proposed by M. da Rocha, and that to the President of the French Republic by His Excellency the Governor.

All warships in harbour to-day were dressed in honour of the occasion, and a salute was fired at mid-day.

The day is celebrated as the anniversary of the French Republic, as it was on July 14, 1789, during the revolution in which the citizen-soldiers of Paris opposed the King's army and captured the Bastille, the mysterious dark fortress which personified the ancient regime. The taking of the Bastille secured the triumph of the revolution.

DISCOVERY OF A DAGGER.

SEYMOUR TERRACE MURDER DEVELOPMENT.

According to reports in the local vernacular press, new light is supposed to have been shed on the Seymour Terrace murder, in which an old Chinese lady of a well-known family was gagged and suffocated by robbers, who are believed to have made a big haul from her safe in the form of bank notes of large denomination.

It appears that, though the police made a thorough search of the room where the tragedy occurred, and other parts of the house, and found nothing of an incriminating nature, they found, on another search last Monday, that a dagger was lying under the bed of a woman related to the deceased.

After this discovery, one of the amahs employed at the place was taken to the police station for searching interrogation, the vernacular papers add, but she has since been released, as well as a man-servant who had been detained in connexion with the affair.

The reward for information concerning the murder has been increased from \$250, to \$1,000.

LOCAL WILLS.

CANTON MAN'S ESTATE IN HONGKONG.

Resealing of letters of administration of the will of Mr. William Linn Fernie have been granted to Mr. D. L. Blake, solicitor, the attorney of Mr. Maurice Bloomfield Brown, the executor.

Decedent died in Shanghai on March 6, 1926, leaving net estate of 12,900 taels. Property in Hongkong is valued at \$4,700, the whole estate being bequeathed to the widow.

Probate of the will of Mrs. Laura Maria da Rocha has been granted to Mr. Jeno Maria da Rocha, of 2 Connaught Road Central, Hongkong. Decedent left estate in Hongkong of \$16,400 and provided annuities for her nephew, Mr. Francisco Xavier de Rocha, and her brother Mr. Jose Antonio da Rocha.

Mr. Chan Chee-king, alias Chan Chiu-ping, who died in Canton left Hongkong estate of \$44,000. Probate of the will has been granted to Messrs. Chan Cho-pui and Chan Yee-chung, the executors and sole beneficiaries under the will.

OUR WAR PENSION PAYMENTS.

COMPARISON WITH LATE ALLIES.

AHEAD OF OTHER NATIONS.

London, July 13. In the House of Commons, in the course of a Ministry of Pensions vote, a comparative table of expenditure thereon showed that Britain and the Dominions had expended in 1925-26 a total of £86,000,000, being an annual per capita charge of 27 shillings; France, £37,750,000, and 18s. 6d. per capita; Germany £60,000,000, and 19s. 2d.; and the United States £46,000,000 and 8s. 3d.—Reuter.

WAR'S AFTERMATH.

London, July 13. Comparative figures of the expenditure on war pensions by some of the principal belligerent Powers of the late war were given in the House of Commons to-day, when a pensions vote of £57,250,000 for all classes of pensions was under discussion.

This amount represents an 8 per cent. decrease on last year's figure, due to deaths of pensioners and their dependents, to 60,000 more children reaching the age at which pensions were no longer payable, and to the re-marriage of a further 4,500.

The expenditure of the Ministry in 1925-26 was in round figures £66,500,000.

The year's expenditure on Great War pensions for the same period in the Dominions of Australia and New Zealand, Canada, South Africa and Newfoundland was £19,500,000, making a total for the United Kingdom and Dominions of no less than £86,000,000, equivalent to an annual charge of 27 shillings from every man, woman and child in a population of 64,000,000.

The statement disclosed how much greater are the British per capita payments.

No Niggardliness.

Discussing these figures, Colonel Stanley, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, said they were very striking, and showed that the British Empire had not been niggardly in the way they had treated the sufferers in the war.

Referring to the maintenance of children under the pensions from the Ministry, Colonel Stanley said £98,500,000 had been spent under this heading since 1917, and the annual expenditure which was of course diminishing was now about £8,000,000.

The expenditure on the administration of the Pensions Ministry this year was reduced by 14 per cent., but the expenditure on benefits had fallen by only 3½ per cent.—British Wireless.

SHIPMASTER FINED.

BREACH OF PORT HEALTH REGULATIONS.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut. Commdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Captain Jorgen Bruhn, master of s.s. Phrahanang, was charged with, (a) being a healthy ship did fail to hoist the Quarantine flag on arriving from Haiphong, and (b) failing to proceed to the Quarantine Anchorage on arrival from Haiphong on July 9.

Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges.

Dr. K. S. Cheah, Assistant Health Officer of the port, went into the box and gave details of the offences, stating that when he boarded the vessel which was proceeding to a buoy, he discovered that she was from Haiphong, which port was stated to be infected. The vessel was not flying the Q flag at the time.

The master, admitting the facts of the case as outlined, said that his agent at Haiphong had informed him that the port was clean, and it would be unnecessary to go into quarantining on arrival at Hongkong.

His Worship, in inflicting a fine of \$50, informed accused that he had committed a serious offence that could not be overlooked.

COXSWAIN MISSING.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

Efforts to find Lo Tai, the Chinese coxswain of the ill-fated s.s. Leung Kwong have failed, and he is believed to have left the Colony. He is not to be found at his last known address, No. 15 Centre Street.

In their finding at the inquest on the victim who were drowned when the Leung Kwong came into collision with the steam launch Moonshine, the special jury considered that the coxswain of the Leung Kwong should answer a charge of manslaughter and brought in a verdict to that effect.

BIG FIRMS TO COME TOGETHER.

ARMSTRONG AND VICKERS' CONVERSATIONS.

An important working agreement between the two world-famous engineering and armament firms of Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., Ltd., and Vickers, Ltd., which between them have issued capital and debenture stocks amounting to more than £35,000,000 was definitely foreshadowed at the Armstrong, Whitworth annual meeting at Newcastle last month.

Mr. J. Frater Taylor, the vice-chairman, announced that conversations were taking place between directors of the two firms, and that there was every likelihood of a successful outcome.

It is considered in well-informed circles (says the *Daily Express*) that Mr. Frater Taylor's public reference to the conversations indicates the signing of an agreement at a nearly date.

It is understood that the proposals are for an agreement regarding marketing and production, and also the exchange of certain technical information.

When it is signed it will be the first great step towards the re-organisation of the British engineering industries along lines of greater efficiency and co-operation.

"THE SQUEAKETTES."

LAST NIGHT'S TROOP CONCERT.

A bright and breezy programme was presented by "The Squeakettes" at "The Better Ole," Peking Road, Kowloon, last evening, under the auspices of the Entertainment Sub-Committee. As usual this popular concert party attracted a large number of troops, who were given a thoroughly enjoyable time.

The programme included songs—the choruses being sung with hearty good-will—dances, nursery rhymes of London Town, and pantomime rehearsal of "Cinderella." The song "Susan Shines All Day" was a popular number, as was "The Rugged Man." Another particularly enjoyable item was "The Toy Soldier," the part being taken by Capt. Steel, A.D.C., who created much fun in "drilling" the girls.

Mrs. C. Russell-Brown arranged the programme and those taking part were the Misses Carothers, and Ellaby; Mesdames Charles Cornaby, Grimble, Evans, D. Browne, Greig, Tod, Grossman, Marcel, Hall and Murray. Also Mrs. C. Russell-Brown, Capt. Steel (Lieut. Bradfield, R.N.) and J. D. M. Rycroft, R.E.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

COULD TAKE REVOLVER AND SHOOT THE LOT.

A net loss of more than £500,000 on the year's working was announced at the meeting, and a large writing down of the capital foreshadowed.

Mr. Taylor announced the opening of negotiations for the sale of the Newfoundland Paper & Power Company, in which Armstrong's have an important investment, to the International Paper Company, of New York. He stated that they had disposed of their investment in the Armstrong-Siddley Company and in Charles Walmsey's Co., Ltd. He admitted in the course of his speech that the annual report was far from satisfactory.

Consideration was being given to continued, to the necessity of substantially writing down the plant and properties and investments.

As to the future, Mr. Frater Taylor said that included in the possibilities were closer working arrangements with Vickers. It might be that in such arrangements a way would be found which would be mutually beneficial, but all he was able to say was that conversations were taking place.

The outlook for general engineering business was more encouraging, and lack of armament orders was being partly compensated for by the manufacture of other products. They were building, or had contracts for, 16 ships, and hoped to increase this number.

It has been suggested in some quarters that Armstrongs are retiring or giving up some of their main business, because we have

been reducing our commitments in businesses undertaken since the war, he said. There is no vestige of truth in the statement that we are ceasing activity in any branch of the main business, and, in fact, we are doing much work now in our own shops which we formerly gave out to other concerns.

There was a painful scene when shareholders were invited to ask questions.

Giving his name as Mr. Graham Gateshead, and speaking with emotion, a shareholder said he was 75, and had worked for Armstrong's more than 40 years.

"I could take a revolver," he cried excitedly, "and shoot the lot who caused Sir William Armstrong to turn in his grave. Change the name, for God's sake. My capital is gone. A revolver, Mr. Chairman, a revolver!"

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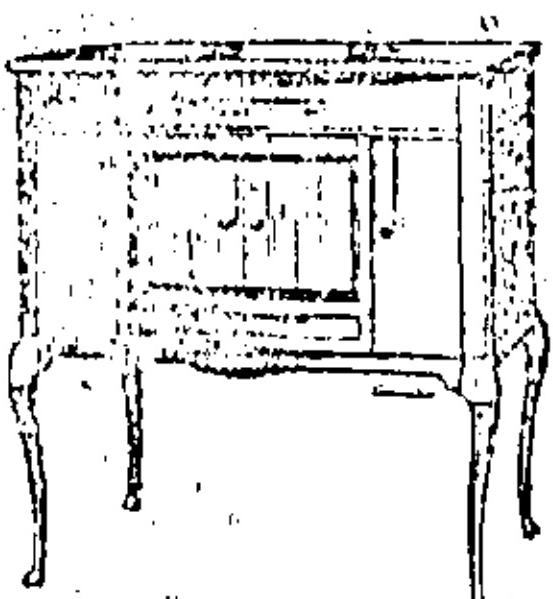
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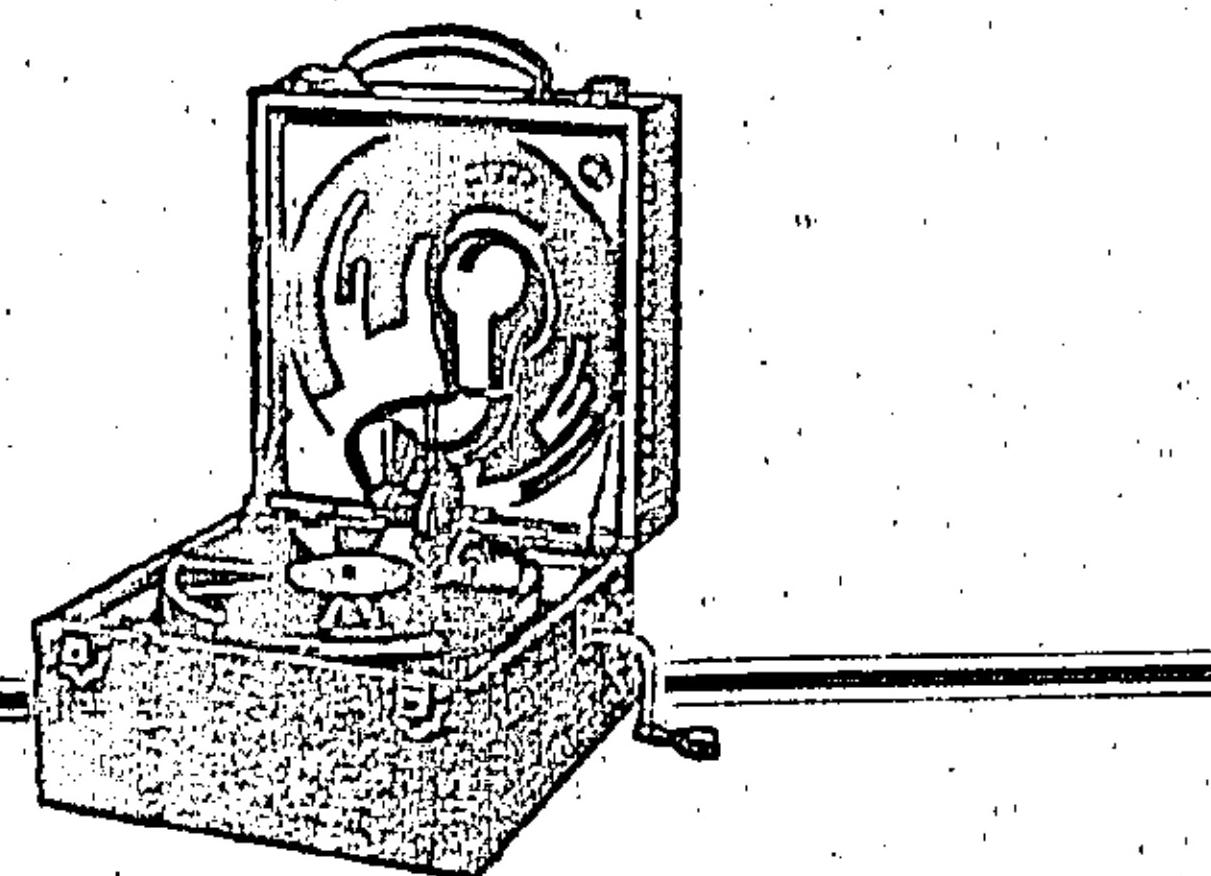
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BUILDING DISPUTE.

MAN ABSCONDS AFTER
MAKING CONTRACT.

An action concerning the alleged sale of building material was heard in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon when Kwok Yau-kei claimed \$1,000 being money due for goods sold to Wong Kwai-kei.

Mr. J. T. Prior was for the plaintiff and Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask for the defendant.

Mr. Prior said that the claim was over \$2,000, but plaintiff waived over a thousand dollars to bring the claim within the jurisdiction of the Court. Plaintiff made a contract with a man called Chan Tik-chung to supply goods, labour and material, on property owned by the plaintiff.

At that time plaintiff dealt only with Chan Tik-chung and knew nothing of the owners of the property, who, as a matter of fact, were the Fook On Insurance Co. Some time after the contract was made Chan Tik-chung absconded, owing the plaintiff about \$2,000, which was due to be paid, about two days before he disappeared.

Absconding Debtor.

Hoping that the terms of the contract would be carried out and that the man would return, plaintiff carried on with the work, spending another \$1,000 in wages, etc. At length he realised that the man was not likely to return. He was then approached by the present defendant and another man in connexion with the sale of his goods on the property.

They were sold on May 15, 1927. A list was made and prices stated and the defendant took no objection to them. Plaintiff was to get nothing out of the original contract, but by selling the goods merely got himself out of an awkward position.

Plaintiff gave evidence bearing out Mr. Prior's opening and said that he knew nothing about the owners of the property but understood that the man who absconded was the only person concerned.

Told to Use Materials.

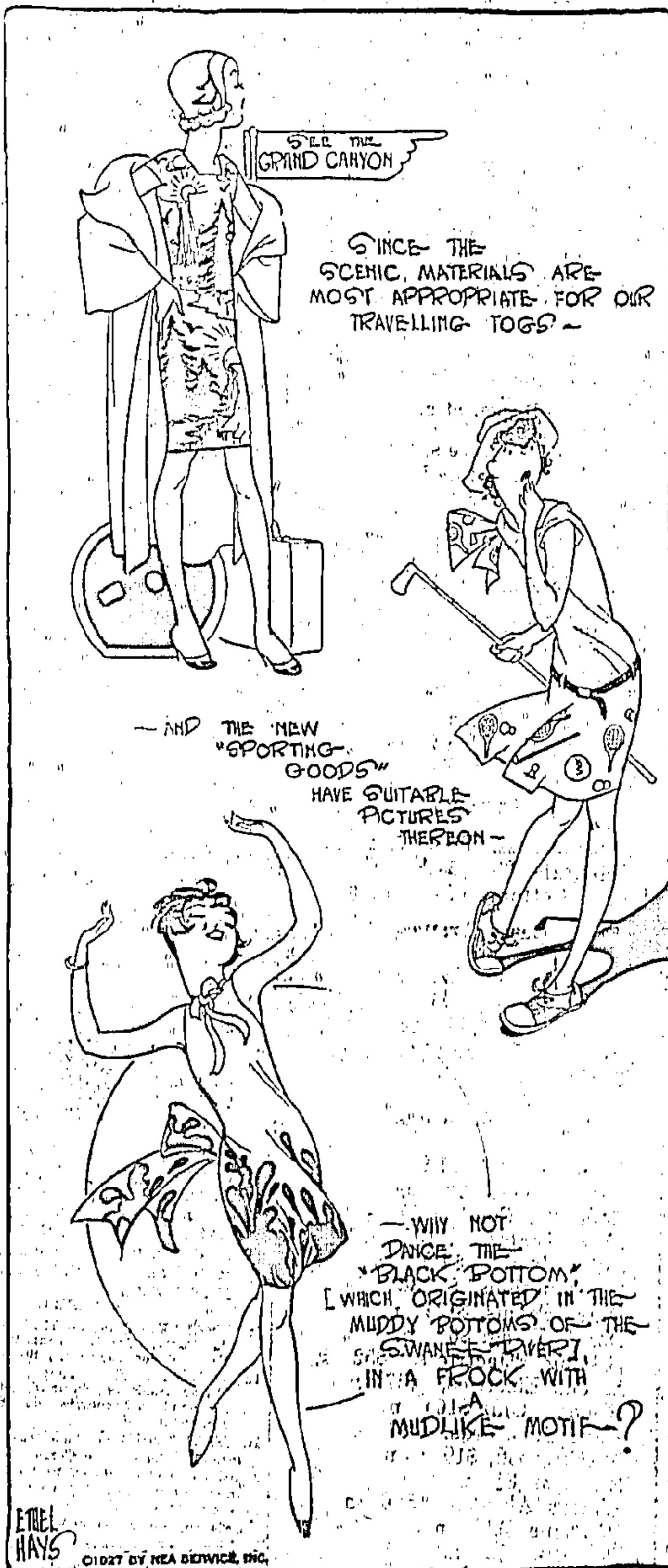
The defence raised was that the goods alleged to have been sold were not bought by the defendant who understood that plaintiff was a sub-contractor to the man who had absconded and not the principal contractor, who had drawn \$5,000 from the owners of the property in connexion with the work.

The defendant said the owners asked him to complete the building of four houses. There was certain material already on the site and he was told that he could use it in the building. He denied ever buying material from the plaintiff.

The owner of the property corroborated and said he had never dealt with the plaintiff.

Judgment was given for the defendant.

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KOWLOON MATTERS.

QUESTION OF BATHING FACILITIES.

The usual monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association took place in St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, last Monday evening.

In the absence of the President (Mr. W. J. Stokes), Mr. B. Wylie occupied the chair.

In the matter of increased public bathing facilities on the Peninsula, the Committee had written to the Government requesting accommodation on the small beach east of the pier at Castle Peak. To this request a reply had been received pointing out that the report of the Bathing Beaches Committee had definitely recommended the bay at Cheung Sha rather than the one at Castle Peak for public bathing. Government did not feel justified in spending further public money on bathing facilities this year but hoped to include provision for this site in 1928.

With reference to the planting of shade trees at Kowloon Tong, copies of letters between Government and the Kowloon Tong Subscribers' Association had been received, but in the absence of a decision by the Botanical and Forestry Department the General Committee decided not to express its views in the meantime.

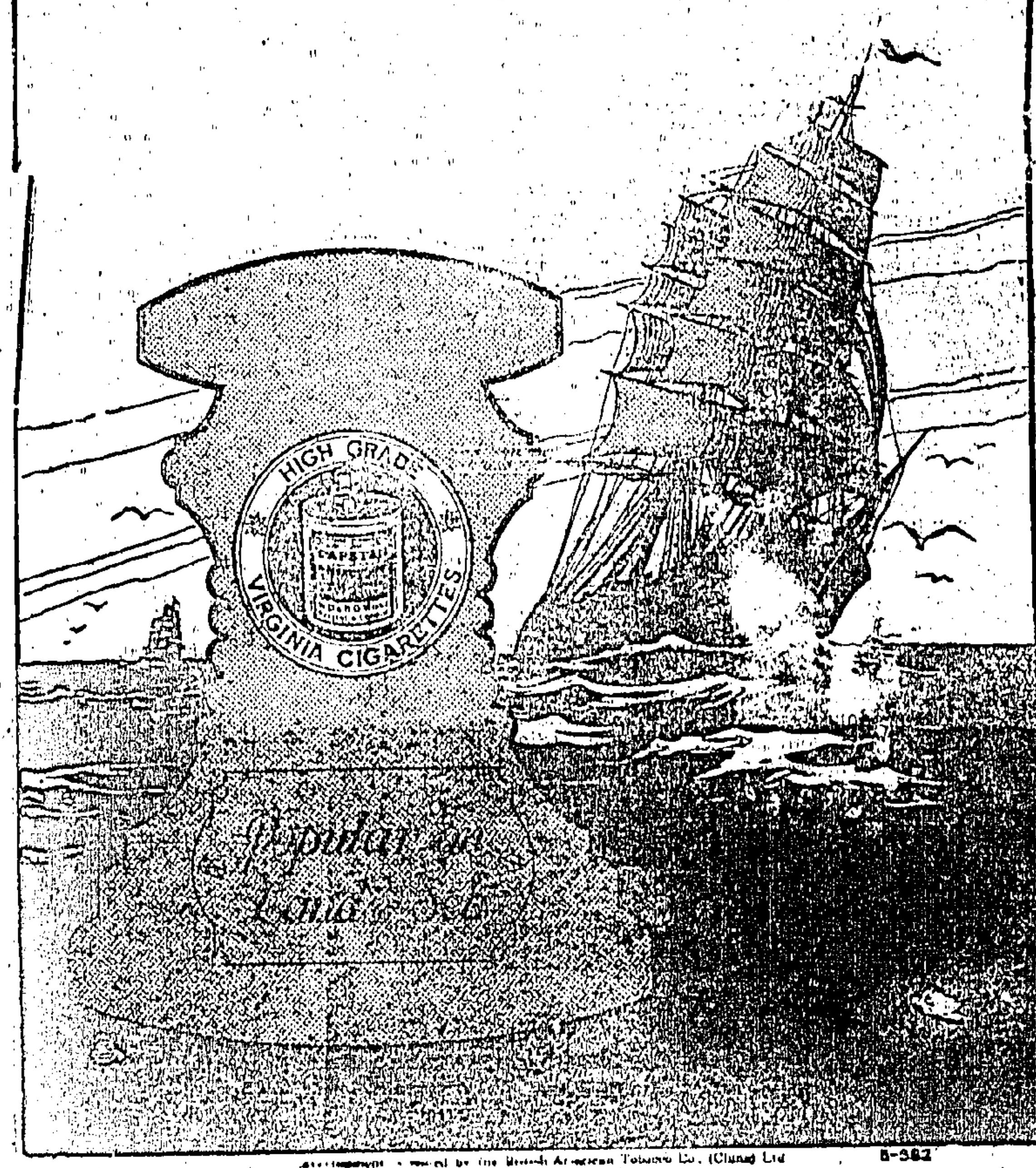
The Association's representative on the Board of Education made a brief report on conditions in the Central British School.

A general discussion took place following further complaints regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the gas street lighting on Nathan Road and the dangers attendant on the lack of dimming facilities on many of the motor buses. It was decided to defer action until next month, the Hon. Secretary being instructed to produce all previous correspondence on these two subjects.

The Hon. Treasurer reported a credit balance of \$1,004.62 and a membership of 293.

Mr. Lam Ming-fan joined the Association during the past month.

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ELECTRIC CURRENT.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER
AGAIN PROSECUTE.

By connecting a wire to the street mains, electricity for the use of a huge 150 candle-power light was being consumed by the inmates of an electric shop of Sai Kung Road, Kowloon City, at the expense of the China Light and Power Co., and as the result of being detected the proprietor of the premises was charged with larceny before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for the complainants and Mr. H. S. Loseby represented the defendant.

In pleading not guilty, Mr. Loseby said that he admitted that electric current was stolen, but his defence was that the accused had no knowledge of the act.

Mr. Armstrong said that the defendant had insulated an electric wire to the Company's mains and was using a 150 candle-power light in his premises. Mr. C. H.

MRS. BORODIN.

ORDERED RELEASED WITH
HER COMPANIONS.

Shanghai, July 13.—Mrs. Borodin and the three other Russian prisoners, who have been held in custody in Peking for some months, were released yesterday afternoon.—Wah Kin Yat Po.

Miles and Mr. Picket visited the premises on information received and found the defendant in the shop, together with the China Light and Power Co. cashier.

Evidence of the raid was given, after which the cashier was called. He stated that on the instructions of the Europeans, he asked the defendant who had connected the wire and the accused admitted that "We did it."

The defendant denied that he was aware the light had been burning on his premises, as he had always returned to his residence at 10 p.m. on other nights. On this occasion Mr. Miles and Mr. Picket visited the shop at midnight on

HEROES RETURN.

THE SAN FRANCISCO-HAWAII FLIGHT.

San Francisco, July 13.—Lieuts. Maitland and Hegenberger, the heroes of the San Francisco-Hawaii flight, returned on the liner Maui from Honolulu. They were given a great ovation. Army aeroplanes circled the ship, and enthusiastic crowds of many thousands on the waterfront brought into play whistles, bells, sirens and all other available sound-producing instruments.—Reuters American Service.

Sunday July 3, and he was just about to leave, having been delayed by certain business.

He was told after the Company's employees arrived that one of the fokker had connected the wire.

His Worship found the defendant guilty of larceny remarking that he did not entirely believe his story that he had no knowledge of the 150 candle-power light burning in the shop. A fine of \$75 was imposed.

PLAYS AMAZING GOLF.



Mr. "Bobby" Jones, of the United States, is making a great bid at St. Andrew's to retain his title of the British Open Golf Champion, and, as will be seen elsewhere in this issue, he played really amazing golf yesterday, equalling the professional record for the course.

In the above picture, Bobby Jones is seen playing at Oakmont, America, a month ago, when he unsuccessfully defended his title of American Open Champion.

LOCAL BOXING BREVITIES.

CARTILIDGE BEATS CORNWALL CHAMPION.

Local boxing enthusiasts will be pleased to learn that Jim Cartilidge, the ex-lightweight champion of the Colony, defeated the lightweight champion of Cornwall in a fifteen rounds contest at Plymouth recently. Cartilidge's ringcraft served him in good stead against a younger opponent, and he won fairly comfortably on points.

A message from Saigon states that "Iron" Bux in his second contest under Andre Dupre's management fought the middleweight champion of Saigon, Litors. The fight was fast and furious and at the conclusion the decision was a draw. The audience all considered that Bux was a worthy winner and an observer declares that there is little doubt that Bux really won.

Much regret will be felt locally at the news that Stoker Morris, the Colony's welterweight and middleweight champion, is shortly to be invalided home. It is understood that Morris will be leaving for home on July 27th.

WIGHTMAN CUP.

MISS RYAN NOT AVAILABLE.

New York, July 13.—Miss Elizabeth Ryan, owing to personal affairs, which will keep her abroad all the summer, will not be available for the team which is to defend the Wightman Cup against the English ladies' lawn tennis team, at Forest Hill, in August.—Reuter's American Service.

BIG FIGHT.

HARRY WILLS KNOCKED OUT.

New York, July 13.—The Spanish boxer, Paulino Uzcudun, knocked out Harry Wills, the negro heavy weight, in the fourth round of a fifteen round contest at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn.—Reuter's American Service.

There is a shortage of gold money in Japan. The gold still is there, but it is being transferred to the teeth of citizens as fast as they can save money and buy it. Dentists are working overtime installing glistening new teeth for those who wish to grin broadly.

A DOCTORS' MUSEUM.

PROMOTION OF LONDON'S KNOWLEDGE.

There are many valuable and interesting collections in London of which the average Londoner knows little. The Wellcome Historical Medical Museum is one of these. The object of its founder is to promote the knowledge of the evolution of medicine and surgery, and kindred sciences. While this object is adhered to strictly, the contents of the museum—many of which are of historical and personal interest, and some highly artistic—cannot fail to appeal to the ordinary educated individual.

The Wellcome Museum, which is situated in Wigmore Street, in the midst of the doctors' district, was founded in 1913 by Mr. Henry S. Wellcome. The museum has been reorganized recently, and was reopened by Sir Humphry Rolleston, Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Cambridge, Sir Arthur Keith, and other well-known leaders in medicine a short time ago.

Primitive Medicine.

Near the entrance door are illustrations of the Wellcome Archaeological Expedition to Gebel Moya, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, together with specimens of the findings; and in the entrance hall itself, which deals with the healing art as practised among savage and semi-civilized peoples of the present time, there are to be found amulets, charms, talismans (many of which were collected from London and neighbourhood), mascots, phylacteries, totems, divination bowls, idols, masks, and ceremonial dresses, and, in fact, the entire armamentarium of the medicineman. There are also a head-hunter's hut from New Guinea and shrunken heads from the Peruvian Andes, and carved ivory masks from an area infected with sleeping sickness.

A little farther on is a collection of pictures depicting certain outstanding phases in the history of medicine and surgery. Christopher Wren making his first demonstration of a method of introducing drugs into a vein. How many know that the versatile genius knew aught of medical science? Leeuwenhoek with his microscope, in 1673, the man who laid the foundations of bacteriology. Ambrose Pare, the great French surgeon, using the ligature in 1562. Laennec's discovery of the stethoscope in 1815, and Rhazes, 823, the founder of Arabian Medicine.

Anatomy Demonstrated.

In the Anatomy Room the history of anatomy is illustrated by drawings, paintings, and sculpture. There is a wonderful series of twelve more than life-size studies of anatomy, attributed to Jacques Gautier D'Agoty, 1785. Collection of books by Vesalius and Harvey. Among the pictures in this room is one of John Hunter, being the original study made by Sir Joshua Reynolds for the portrait now in the Royal College of Surgeons.

In the gallery of the Hall of Statuary the development of the microscope is shown. Hundreds of microscopes from the rudimentary to the most perfect are here. There is also a case containing well-known drugs with the dates of their discovery. Myrrh was known 2500 B.C.; opium, 2500 B.C.; pomegranate, 2500 B.C.; aloes, 1500 B.C.; antimony, 1500 B.C. Scamony, 300 B.C., was known to Hippocrates, and aconite goes back to 400 B.C. In another corner of this gallery is a valuable collection of diplomas, medals, prints, etc.

Jenner Relics.

A space is given over to Jenner portraits and relics, personal belongings such as canes, medical cases and chests, as well as manuscripts and relics relating to his work on vaccination. Among the personal belongings is his favourite arm-chair in which he was seated when attacked by his fatal disease.

Mr. Buchanan—It is only a lie. There were cries of "withdraw," and the Speaker said he did not know who made the remark whereupon several members cried, "Buchanan."

The Speaker asked Mr. Buchanan if he did make that remark and Mr. Buchanan acknowledged that he did. The Speaker observed that it was grossly improper and he asked Mr. Buchanan to withdraw it. The hon. member declined, and the Speaker ordered him to withdraw from the House, which he did.

In the south-west part of the ground floor is the Lister section. Here is part of the actual ward of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, in which Lister developed his antiseptic system of surgery. In the pharmaceutical section of the ground floor are exact historical reproductions of old laboratories and chemists' shops. In this department is a remarkable collection of old mortars, many of them made from gun-metal.

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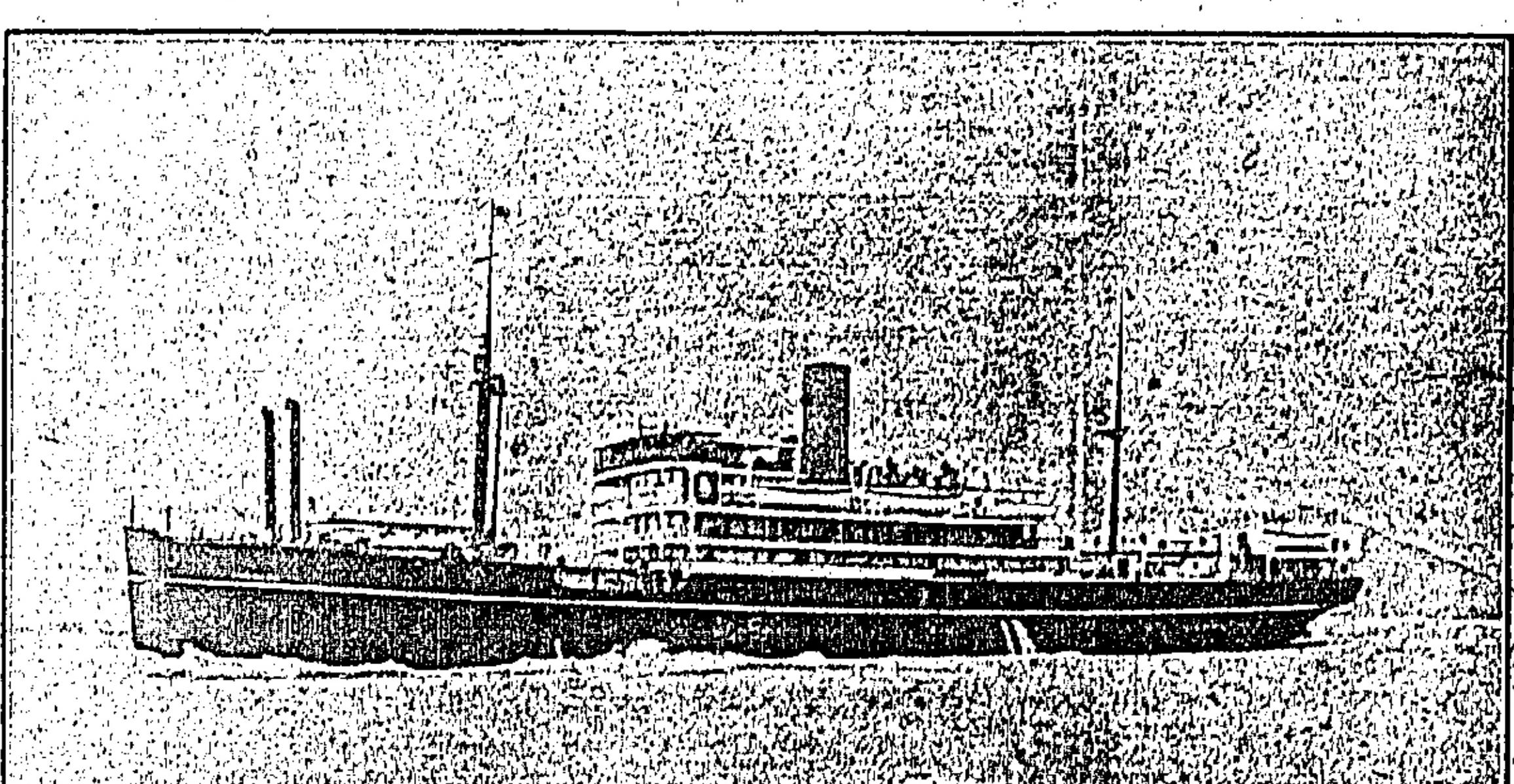
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In view of the prolonged correspondence in the Press about the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., the following information has been given by a Y.M.C.A. official:

Lists of subscriptions received have been published in the Press from time to time and this practice will be continued. Total subscriptions to the 30th June amounted to \$16,700, and expenditures on capital account to \$5,200.

Expenditures were incurred chiefly in the furnishing and fitting

of the two branches, one at Queen's Building, Hongkong, and the other at Peking Road, Kowloon.

Some expenses were also incurred for entertainments of various kinds, notwithstanding free

assistance from the best profes-

sionals in the Colony.

As the Directors of the Y.M.

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BOLSHEVIST CHARGES.SIR R. HODGSON'S EFFECTIVE
REPLY.**SOVIET METHODS.**

Sir Robert Hodgson, British Diplomatic representative in Moscow before the recent break, has issued the following statement:

Allegations emanating from Moscow of illicit practices by members of the British Mission in Moscow, which have recently been repeated in the British Press, cannot be allowed to pass without challenge. They are contained, so far, in three pronouncements, namely, a speech by M. Rykoff, an official communiqué from the Soviet Government, and a report printed in the evening newspaper of June 10, announcing the execution in Moscow of 20 persons, of whom four are stated to have been spies in British employ.

M. Rykoff quotes in full a letter addressed by Mr. Preston to Mr. Jerrard, a member of the staff of the British Mission in Moscow. The letter alludes to a request received from the Department of Overseas Trade by Mr. Peters, asking for information regarding the possibilities for selling "fine chemicals" in Russia. Mr. Preston, not understanding the expression "fine chemicals," asks Mr. Jerrard to explain it to him. He adds that he is afraid of employing "Russian birds" for collecting the information demanded by the Department of Overseas Trade, as he fears that they may expose themselves to being "hanged, drawn and quartered by the State Political Department for spying." In other words, Mr. Preston anticipates that, should he ask Russians to help him in obtaining information on what is obviously a perfectly innocent matter, they are liable to be treated as spies and summarily executed.

The question arises: Were Mr. Preston's apprehensions justified? M. Rykoff proceeds to show, by the examples which he quotes of G. P. U. (Political Police) justice, that they were. He mentions the case of "Peshkoff," a former officer of the Kolchak army, and one Filin, shot for supplying information on military matters to Mr. Charnock, of the British Mission.

The Facts About Peshkoff. Peshkoff—who, incidentally, was never an officer in the Kolchak Army, but had civilian employment at Omsk in Kolchak's time—had been an officer in the Imperial Russian Navy. On the arrival of the British Mission in Moscow in 1921 he was put into contact with me by a woman of the name of Dahl, who was a secret agent of the G. P. U. and had been in Siberia in the Kolchak time. Temporary employment was given to him by the representative of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in Moscow. Shortly afterwards he was arrested, together with his wife and a large number of other persons, on a charge of having organized, under my instructions, a counter-revolutionary movement in Siberia. I sought the assistance of M. Karakhan, who most courteously promised to look into the matter.

The whole charge was shown to be a mare's nest. Peshkoff and the other persons involved were set at liberty and nothing further was heard of the matter. Peshkoff returned to his employment with the C.P.R., and being a capable and hard-working man, was most useful in organizing the firm's office. He remained in their employ till May, 1925, when he again was arrested. The nature of the charge against him has never transpired until now, though it was generally suspected to be what Rykoff declares it to have been—espionage for the benefit of Great Britain.

The accomplices whom M. Rykoff mentions were friends of Peshkoff for whom he had found employment in the C. P. R. office. It stands to reason that, after the Dahl affair, (1) Peshkoff was the last person in Russia who was likely to work as a spy for Great Britain; and (2) the last person to whom I was likely to apply for information. In fact, though the acquaintance between the British Mission and Peshkoff was maintained, it was deliberately confined to a minimum in order to diminish the risks of criminal significance being attributed to it. The accusation quoted by M. Rykoff that Peshkoff and his friend were engaged in espionage-work is utterly and entirely without foundation.

The Case of Filin. Even more fantastic is the case of Filin. He was a young officer in the Red Army whose wife was a friend from childhood of Mrs. Charnock. He had a post immediately under the Revolutionary Military Council and in that capacity was doubtless in a position to procure information on matters of military importance. It was precisely for this reason that Mr. Charnock kept away from him and avoided any dealings with him which might conceivably compromise him. He met him in all some four or five times during the five

ATLANTIC EPIC.TWO SAILORS AND A
WOMAN DROWNED.**CALIFORNIA TRAGEDY.****FRENCH POLITICS.**COMMUNIST MOTION
REJECTED.

Paris, July 13.

The threat to the existence of the Poincaré Cabinet has been ended by the Chamber, by 356 to 171 votes, rejecting a Communist motion which would have increased by about £6,000,000 the expenditure proposed by the Government for increasing the salaries of civil servants.

Single-Chamber Constituencies.

The Californian was travelling at such a speed that the three persons in the sea were soon far astern, and before a boat could be lowered, or the vessel put about to go to their rescue, the woman and the two sailors had disappeared, and all three were drowned.

Rescue Attempt.

The woman passenger was a Mrs. Louisa Traynor, who was travelling from America to visit her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Rodger, who live in Galloway-terrace, Kirkintilloch, Dunbartonshire.

The men who gave their lives in the attempt at rescue were Alister Gilchrist, an able seaman, and John McIsaac, an ordinary seaman, both Glasgow men. One lived in Partick and the other in the Langside district of the city.

An old and deaf man charged at Bow-street with beggary, had in his possession 25 £1 notes, 87 ten-shilling notes and 82 shillings in silver. He was fined £5.

Hundreds of Arrests.

Warsaw, July 13.

Refugees from Russia report that the Soviet Government has caused the arrest of hundreds of people at Kiev, in connexion with an alleged counter-revolutionary plot, including a number of officers of the Ukrainian army.

They also report that M. Grinkov, head of the Ukrainian Communist party, has declared that all those who have been arrested will be sentenced to death.—Reuter.

CHINA'S STRONG
PROTEST.

(Continued from Page 1.)

are hundreds of miles from Shanghai. It is intended to withdraw the whole or part of the Shanghai Defence Force, Sir Austen Chamberlain referred to the answer he gave on July 6, regarding the Indian Brigade's return, and added that two batteries and certain ancillary units attached to the Indian Brigade were also being withdrawn.

The Brigade was only sent because it could arrive quickly. It was never intended to maintain it there. When he mentioned reinforcements on July 6, he was referring to troops which were already in Shanghai apart from the Indian Brigade.

As regards sickness among the troops, Sir Austen said the Government had foreseen the difficulties of climate, and the authorities on the spot had taken every precaution possible.—Reuter.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

Mr. T. V. Soong Returns to
Hankow.

Hankow, July 13.

Mr. T. V. Soong returned on Tuesday afternoon aboard a British steamer from Shanghai. Troops continue to proceed down river, while it is rumoured that troops from Canton are approaching Nanchang.—Reuter.

Successful Counter Attack.

Shanghai, July 13. Foreign reports from Hsuchow-fu indicate that Chiang Kai-shek's forces successfully counter-attacked and recovered ground as far as Lincheng.—Reuter.

Tsingtao Peaceful.

Tsingtao, July 13. The present situation apparently favours the North. Tsingtao is perfectly peaceful and the situation is much easier.—Reuter.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to today's questions:

- (a) 92,450,000 miles; (b) 238,800 miles.
- (c) Approximately one million times the size of the earth; (d) Approximately one quarter the size of the earth; (e) Artery; (f) Vein; (g) "Ali milhi beate Martine"; (h) The arteries convey the blood from the heart to all parts of the body. The veins convey the blood to the heart.
- (i) The veins convey the blood to the heart.
- (j) Thomas Bodley in 1587. (k) John Bunyan (1628-1689).
- (l) The Parliament sitting from November 2, 1640, to April 20, 1653.
- (m) Rock composed of sandstone.
- (n) Africa and Asia.
- (o) The entrance to the Straits of Gibral-
- (p) 11. A statue of Venus, now in the Louvre, of wonderful beauty, by unknown sculptor.
- (q) Son of Pepin d'Herstal. Crowned King of France in 751.
- (r) A bust of Dr. Arribalzaga (1772-1793), representing the Englishman as a bluff, bull-headed farmer.
- (s) A cushion on the Lord Chancellor's seat in the House of Lords in Fleet Street, London, which was used by Queen Elizabeth I when she sat in state in 1593.
- (t) A cushion on the Lord Chancellor's seat in the House of Lords in Fleet Street, London, which was used by Queen Elizabeth I when she sat in state in 1593.
- (u) Called Piccadilly lace on account of its little spear points (a diminutive of pic, a pike or spear).

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